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REPORT OF THE MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1899. It forms the Fifty-first Annual Report presented by the Committee, and is as follows :—

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

The main staircase and the south hall have been beautified throughout, and the coloured plaster casts of Assyrian sculptures have been carefully cleaned ; the casts of sculptures from the Parthenon have been recoloured.

Room A.

57. SPINNING
The glazing of the smaller portraits has been completed, and they are now protected from the deleterious effects of the atmosphere and dust. In this gallery is exhibited a model of an indigo factory, a recent presentation, which illustrates in a most attractive manner the process of manufacturing the dye. The first historical series of water-colour drawings of the British School, forming an instructive loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum (South Kensington), is exhibited in this gallery.

Room B.

Two large paintings, by E. M. Ward, R.A., "The Execution of Montrose," and "The Last Sleep of Argyle," have been cleaned and revarnished. Four new cases have been provided for the exhibition of objects of art ; and in them are now placed an interesting collection of Japanese pottery and porce-

lain, deposited on loan by the Trustees of the late Mr. Isaac H. Morris, *per* Mrs. Morris ; also the electrotype reproduction of the Hildesheim Treasure, acquired by the Committee, and specimens (part of the permanent collection) of English pottery. In this gallery is also a collection of the pieces of decorative metal-work that, together, make up the ornamentation of the Japanese sword, as well as several netzukis, medicine cases, &c., from Japan, lent by the Morris Trustees. A marble bust of Edwin Waugh has been recently acquired for the galleries. It is from the chisel of the Polish sculptor, Geflowski.

An oil painting, "Off Valparaiso," by Mr. Thomas Somerscales, purchased this year by the Chantrey Trustees from the Royal Academy Exhibition, has been deposited on loan for a period of six months, and is exhibited in this gallery.

The annual loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, and now comprises the following :—

- (1) Reproductions, in plaster, of carved ivories.
- (2) Early examples of glazed earthenware, Persian and Turkish.
- (3) Representative collection of English pottery, 17th, 18th, and early 19th century.
- (4) Italian bronzes, 15th, 16th, and 17th century.

ROOM C.

Many additions have been made to the collections of ethnographical specimens. Such additions have, however, caused the old table cases, which take up much of the valuable space in this gallery, to be abnormally crowded, greatly to the detraction of the objects contained in them. For want of suitable cases, some hundreds of specimens have to be stored ; but your Committee will endeavour to remedy this as soon as possible.

CORRIDOR AND ROOMS D AND E.

A new case has been provided for the exhibition of the bull fur seal, presented last year by Colonel Murray, Alaska.

In this corridor was exhibited, for three months during the summer, a number of water-colour drawings, by Luigi Bazzani, illustrating houses, and

details of architecture in Pompeii. The natural history collections are in excellent condition, but some birds require replacement, and some gaps in the British ornithological section need to be filled. The floors of the corridor and Room E were so much worn that your Committee have had them relaid. The showcases in Room E have been made uniform with the remainder of the Museum furniture.

ROOM H.

This large room has been opened for public use during the year. It contains a number of small collections, groups of objects, and single specimens of an interesting though miscellaneous nature.

GENERAL.

The gilding of the frames of paintings throughout the galleries has been completed, and the rooms now present an attractive and well-kept appearance.

The Chairman of the Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee, accompanied by the Curator, inspected a number of bronze reproductions of Pompeian bronzes, and plaster casts of sculptures representative of the best period of Italian art, in the Victoria and Albert Museum and at Messrs. Brucciani & Co.'s. Acting upon their report as to the advantages of having facsimiles of some of these in the galleries, your Committee have ordered a selection which has met with the approval of the authorities of the Science and Art Department. It is gratifying to be able to report that the Lords of the Committee of the Council on Education have sanctioned the granting of aid in the purchase of these objects to the extent of half the cost.

The exhibition space in the Galleries is yearly becoming increasingly crowded by the fresh specimens and works of art added; hence, the permanent exhibits become less easy to see and study. This great disadvantage is very much accentuated whenever your Committee receive some special loan collection, or the opportunity is offered of securing one, particularly attractive and instructive. The want of adequate space in such cases is much felt, as it becomes necessary to cover up or store objects of considerable interest, and over-crowding is unavoidable.

A second edition of the new Official Handbook to the Fine Arts Section has been published, and prior to its issue the paintings in the Galleries were re-arranged.

A short Popular half-penny Guide, written by the Curator, has been published.

In collaboration with the Parks Sub-Committee, the Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee have placed in the upper portion of the Park, the following statues and busts, cast in cement:—Statues: Bacchus, Dionysus, Juno, Aphrodite, Dancing Faun, Improvisatore, and Pandora. Busts: Homer, Apollo, Venus of Milo, Augustus, Julius Cæsar, Juno, Hermes, and Ajax. These add to the dignity and attractiveness of the Park, and will have, also, an educational value for visitors.

Considerable work has been done in the arranging and labelling of specimens.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

Model of an indigo factory, Bengal—Messrs. Millward and Company,
per Ezekiel Marten, Esq.

Ethnographical specimens from West and South-West Africa.—A.
Ridyard, Esq.

Pair of child's boots, and hunting cap of salmon skin, Alaska.—A. L.
Payne, Esq.

Peruvian mummy.—C. O. Weber, Esq., Ph.D.

Jug, Derbyshire-ware, inscribed "S.H., 1820."—Samuel Henstock,
Esq.

Harp-Lute, English, late 18th century.—Mr. Councillor Albert.

Peewit's nest with two eggs.—Rev. C. T. Watson, M.A.

Nest of Oriole.—R. Ashton, Esq.

Specimen of calcite.—Detective-Sergeant Johnson.

Specimen of burnt clay from coal mine, showing formation, due to
very slow cooling.—J. R. Garlick, Esq.

Copies of 34 photographs, taken by the donor, to illustrate the
Souvenir of the Jubilee.—Mr. Councillor J. Higson.

PURCHASES.

Marble bust of Edwin Waugh, by Geflowski.

Electrotype reproduction of the "Hildesheim Treasure."

Collection of etchings, by Guercino and others.

Oil painting: "The Runaway Horse," by T. Faed, R.A.

Early form of rush-lamp, iron. Scotland.

Dagger, Persia.

Trophy of a human head, Ecuador.

Mahratta helmet and weapons, India.

Ethnographical objects, Borneo.

Two spears and shield, Soudan.

Jibba and sword, Omdurman.

Musical instrument, Madagascar.

Tomahawk, West Australia.

Waistband, New Guinea.

Bolas, Patagonia.

Eskimo fish spear, Greenland.

Photographs of natives, dwellings, canoes, &c., Australia and South Pacific.

LIBRARIES.

In each Branch Library and Reading Room, as well as in the Central Institution, are now exhibited on a special board the notices issued by the Emigrants' Information Office; the public can also obtain additional information, printed in pamphlet form, from the Librarians.

Each Reading Room has been furnished with an adjustable printed list, showing at a glance, the titles of the papers, periodicals, magazines, railway time-tables, &c., which may be consulted or read in the room in which the list is hung. The chief railway companies in the United Kingdom send their time-tables gratuitously and regularly. Some companies issue Tourists' Guides, which are also presented.

There is a net increase of 1,233 volumes in the libraries as compared with last year, and a number of obsolete and worn-out volumes have been

discarded. The following list shows the number of books (new and replacements) added to the various libraries during the year:—

Reference Library, Peel Park... ..	1,044
Lending Library, Peel Park	268
Greengate Branch Library	250
Regent Road Branch Library.....	247
Pendleton Branch Library	411
Albert Park Branch Library	269
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Total.....	<u>2,489</u>

There are altogether 80,110 books on the shelves of the libraries, and the total issues amounted to 379,007. Of these issues, 56·4 per cent. were for home reading and 51·8 per cent. were of a fictional nature.

All the buildings have been kept in good order and repair, and, apart from the customary minor repairs, the interior of the Charlestown Branch has been beautified, the exterior and interior of the Albert Park Branch and of the Weaste Branch have been painted and beautified, also the outside of the Weaste Assembly Room.

Sanction has been obtained from the Local Government Board to borrow money for the erection of the Branch Library and Reading Room, together with a Public Hall, at Irlams-o'-th'-Height, and this work has now been begun. The acre of ground in which the buildings will stand, was presented by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., who has also promised to carry out the further intention of his father, the late Sir Percival Heywood, Bart., by contributing the sum of £2,000 towards the expense of erecting the buildings.

Application is about to be made to Parliament for permission to raise the Library Rate in the Borough from 1½d. to 2d. in the pound. The advantage of this assistance to your Committee, will, if granted, be very great, as their work in the libraries and reading rooms has been, of recent years, greatly handicapped owing to want of the necessary funds.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES AND LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

EPITOME.

The interest centred in the institutions under the control of your Committee, and their practical usefulness to members of the community, can be gathered from the following epitomised statement :—

1. No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries...	128,332
2. No. of Issues of Books for Home Use	213,710
3. No. of Issues of Books to the Reading Rooms	165,297
4. No. of Attendances in the Reading Rooms	937,100
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Total.....	1,444,439
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JUBILEE OF THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY, PEEL PARK.

The Library Association held their Twenty-second Annual Meeting in Manchester during the week ended 9th September.

The Borough Council considered that the occasion of the gathering of this important assemblage was a suitable one on which to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Museum and Free Library in the Peel Park, and accordingly voted a grant for the purpose.

The occasion of the Jubilee was celebrated in the following manner :—

1. By holding, on Tuesday, 5th September, a *conversazione*, in the Museum and Library, to which the Mayor and Council invited the Members of the Library Association, the Members of the Manchester Free Library Committee, the Members of the Manchester Art Galleries Committee, the Chairmen and Curators of the chief Museums and Art Galleries in the north of England and Wales, and in the Midlands, and the Magistrates and principal residents of the district. The guests were received by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Rudman), the President of the Library Association (Mr. Alderman J. W. Southern, of Manchester), and the Deputy-Chairman of the Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee (Mr. Councillor Worsley). Through the

kindness of the Technical Instruction Committee, the guests were afforded the pleasure of inspecting the Institute, which was thrown open for the occasion.

2. By the publication of a Souvenir of the Jubilee of the Museum and Library, written by the Curator, and illustrated by photographs specially taken by Mr. Councillor James Higson. The Souvenir is divided into two parts, namely, *Salford and the Inauguration of the Public Free Libraries Movement*,* and *A Short History of the Museum and Libraries*. Copies were presented to the guests on the evening of the conversazione.
3. By throwing open the Museum and Art Galleries to the public until 9 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, 9th September. The galleries and the upper portion of the Park were specially illuminated for the occasion, and the Police Band played a selection of music in the Park.
4. By inserting in the wall, next the main entrance to the Museum, a polished red granite tablet bearing the following inscription :—

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD
ROYAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES.

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED TO COMMEMORATE
THE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
IN PEEL PARK,
ON 13TH JUNE, 1849.

THE FIRST
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

* Read before the Library Association.

The following course of Free Lectures was arranged by, and given under the auspices of your Committee :—

1898.

October 11th.—Rev. F. F. Grensted, M.A. “Stonehenge and its Fellows : Early Footprints of Man in Britain.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P.

October 25th.—J. W. C. Haldane, Esq., C.E. “3,800 Miles from East to West on British Soil.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Worsley.

November 8th.—Rev. W. Evans. “Florence and Savonarola.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Desquesnes.

November 22nd.—Samuel Wells, Esq., F.A.I. “On the Track of the Moor in Spain.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.

December 6th.—R. Parkes, Esq. “The Pleasures and Advantages of Scientific Study.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman B. Robinson, J.P.

December 20th.—Professor Harold B. Dixon, M.A., F.R.S. “The Chemistry of Air and Water.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Huddart.

1899.

January 10th.—Rev. Charles Harris, M.A. “The Life and Civilization of Ancient Babylonia and Assyria.” Chairman, Alderman Sir R. Mottram, J.P.

January 24th.—Professor W. Stirling, M.D., D.Sc. “Breathing in Relation to Health.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor J. Higson.

February 7th.—Thomas Snape, Esq., J.P. “My Voyage Round the World.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.

February 21st.—Rev. James Clark. “My Recent Trip to the United States.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Yearnshaw.

March 7th.—T. J. Wilkinson, Esq. “The Manufacture of Glass.” Chairman, W. Featherstone, Esq.

March 21st.—Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P. “Salford : from the Saxon Conquest to the Close of the 18th Century.” Chairman, The Mayor (Mr. Alderman Rudman, J.P.)

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Anonymous—

Modern Romanism Examined, 1899.

Blackburn Chamber of Commerce, The Directors of the—

Report of the Mission to China of the Blackburn Chamber of Commerce,
1896-7. F. S. A. Bourne's Section, 1898.

Boyle and Sons, Messrs. R.—

Natural and Artificial Methods of Ventilation, 1899.

British and Foreign Bible Society—

Ninety-Fifth Report, 1898-9.

British Association for the Advancement of Science—

Report of the Sixty-Eighth Meeting, held at Bristol, 1898.

British Museum, Trustees of the—

Catalogue of the Greek Coins of Galatia, Cappadocia, and Syria, 1899.

Catalogue of the Greek, Roman, and Etruscan Vases, 1899.

Catalogue of Printed Books (parts as published).

Catalogue of Welwitsch's African Plants, vol. 2, part 1, 1899.

Facsimiles of Autographs, Fourth Series, 1898.

Guide to the Exhibition Galleries, 1897.

List of the Genera and Species of Blastoides, 1899.

Hand-List of Birds, vol. 1, 1899.

Reproductions of Prints: Specimens of Line-Engraving by Masters of
the French School, 1580-1680, part 8, 1899.

Browne, T. B. (the Publisher)—

The Advertiser's A.B.C. Advertisement Press Directory, 1899.

Canadian Government Agency, Liverpool—

Canada from Ocean to Ocean, 1899.

Chapman and Co.—

Insurance Blue Book, 1898-9.

Cheetham Hill Discussion Society—

Historical Notices, 1849-1899.

Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East—

Report, 1898-9.

Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester—

Report of the Thirty-First Annual Co-operative Congress, 1899.

Dublin University—

Calendar, 1899.

Examination Papers, 1898.

Durham University—

Calendar, 1898-9.

Education Department, Whitehall—

Connection between the Public Library and the Public Elementary School, 1898.

Emigrants' Information Office—

Circulars as published.

Field Naturalists' and Archæologists' Society, Manchester—

Reports and Proceedings, 1893-7.

Firth, Mrs.—

Millennial Dawn, 4 vols., 1898.

General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen—

List of Deceased Seamen (as published).

Geological Society, Manchester—

Transactions, 1898-9.

Higson, Mr. Councillor James—

Thirty-Four copies of Photographs taken to illustrate the Jubilee Souvenir of the Museum and Library, Peel Park.

Hollinsworth, C. B.—

Zion's Works, 3 vols., 1899.

Howarth, E.—

Catalogue of the Bateman Collection of Antiquities in the Sheffield Public Museum, 1899.

Catalogue of the Permanent Collection of Pictures and other Works of Art in the Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, 1899.

Knowles, Lees, M.P.—

Large number of Parliamentary Blue Books.

Libraries, Free Public : Annual Reports, 1898-9.

Aberdeen, Arbroath, Aston, Baillie's, (Glasgow), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Fulham, Great Yarmouth, Halifax, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hereford, Hove, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (U.S.A.), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherhithe, St. George's, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Southampton, Southport, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Watford, Willesden, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, York.

Literary and Philosophical Society, Manchester—

Memoirs and Proceedings, 1898-9.

London, Corporation of the City of—

Calendar of Letter-Books preserved among the Archives of the Corporation of the City of London. Letter-Book A : *Circa* A.D. 1275-1298. 1899.

London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews—

Report, 1898-9, four copies.

Macmillan and Co., Messrs.—

Six Scientific Text-Books.

Manchester Corporation—

Citizens' Roll, 1898-9, five copies.

Mather and Crowther, Limited, Messrs. (the Publishers)—

Practical Advertising : A Handy Guide by Practical Men, 1899.

Medley, G. W. (the Author)—

Pamphlets and Addresses on Free Trade, 1899.

New Church Evidence Society.—

Life and Correspondence of the Rev. John Clowes, 1898.

New South Wales, Agent-General for—

Year Book of Australia, 1899.

Newbigging, T. (the Author)—

Essays at Eventide, 1898.

Fables and Fabulists, Ancient and Modern, 1896.

Handbook for Gas Engineers and Managers, 1898.

Old Gamul: A Lyric Play, 1892.

Valuation of Gas Works for Assessment, 1891.

Owens College—

Calendar, 1899-1900.

Patents, Commissioners of—

Trade Marks Journals, Abridgments, Official Journals, and Specifications of Patents, 1898-9.

Royal Dublin Society—

Scientific Proceedings and Transactions, 1898-9.

Royal Geographical Society—

Proceedings, 1898-9.

Year Book and Record, 1899.

Royal Institution of Great Britain—

Proceedings, 1898-9.

Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen, Manchester—

Toilers of the Deep, vol. 13, 1898, five copies.

Royal Society—

Proceedings, 1898-9.

Royal University of Ireland—

Calendar, 1899.

Examination Papers, 1898.

Salford Corporation—

Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts, 1898-9.

Burgess Roll, 1898-9.

Health Reports, 1898-9.

Parliamentary Blue Books, 1898-9.

Proceedings of the Council, 1898-9.

Smith, Rev. F. (the Author)—

Some Investigations into Palaeolithic Remains in Scotland, pp. 11.
1898-9.

Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.—

Report, 1896.

Statistical Society, Manchester—

Transactions, 1898-9.

United States Bureau of Education, Washington—

Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1896-7. vol. 2.

United States National Museum, Washington—

Fishes of North and Middle America, parts 2 and 3, 1898.

Proceedings, vols. 18 and 20, 1896-8.

University Correspondence College Press—

Correspondence College Calendar, 1898-9.

London Matriculation Directories, January and June, 1899.

London University Guide, 1898-9.

PERIODICALS, &c., PRESENTED.

Accountant.

Animals' Friend.

Bimetallist.

Blackpool Herald.

British Architect.

Builders' Reporter.

Canadian Gazette.

Catholic Times.

Child's Guardian.

Church Missionary Gleaner.

" " Intelligencer.

" " Juvenile Instructor.

Civil Service Aspirant.

" " Monthly.

" " Weekly.

Clerks of Works Journal.

Colliery Guardian.

Co-operative News.

PERIODICALS, &c. PRESENTED.—*Continued.*

Cottager and Artisan.	Manchester Guardian.
Drapers' Record.	„ Weekly Times.
Educational Times.	Melia's Magazine.
Electrician.	Midland Counties Herald.
Foresters' Miscellany.	Mission Field.
Herald of the Golden Age.	Musical Herald.
Homœopathic Review.	Nature Notes.
India-Rubber and Gutta-Percha	Phrenological Magazine.
Trades' Journal.	Poor Law Officers' Journal.
Inventors' Review.	Positivist Review.
Iron and Coal Trades Review.	Printer's Engineer.
Jewish Intelligence.	Property List.
Justice.	Rural World.
Labour Gazette.	Textile Recorder.
Liberator.	Travel.
Local Government Chronicle.	Two Worlds.
„ „ Journal.	University Correspondent.
London Daily Chronicle.	Vaccination Inquirer.
Machinery Market.	Vegetarian Messenger.
Monthly Record of the Manchester	Weekly Dispatch.
Chamber of Commerce.	Worcester Herald.
Manchester Courier.	Zoophilist.
„ Evening Mail.	

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Caledonian.	London and North Western.
Cambrian.	„ „ South Western.
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford.	„ Chatham, and Dover.
Great Central.	Metropolitan.
„ Eastern.	Midland.
„ Northern.	Midland Great Western (Ireland).
„ Northern (Ireland).	North British.
„ Southern and Western (Ireland).	„ Eastern.
„ Western.	South Eastern.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.	

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-99.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850	16000	129	1240	Museum opened in April.
1851	276500	188	1465	Museum enlarged.
1852	303140	200	1515	Museum collections increased.
1853	67225	66	1018	Museum closed nine months.
1854	330274	217	1520	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1855	418220	260	1720	Museum enlarged.
1856	580069	241	2408	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1857	888830	279	3508	Local Artists' First Exhibition.
1858	538444	265	2032	Summer Exhibition.
1859	683575	268	2550	Exhibition of Paintings.
1860	588770	264	2230	Exhibition of Paintings.
1861	600120	277	2166	Travelling Museum of S. K. M.
1862	767700	260	2568	Exhibition of Paintings.
1863	454400	214	2123	Exhibition of Paintings.
1864	620370	262	2370	Summer Exhibition.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Second Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	413170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	{ Local Artists' Third Exhibition.
1879	381000	260	1465	{ Langworthy Gallery opened.
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528910	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
1896	132021	285	463	First permanently opened on Sundays.
1897	149812	317	472	
1898	151058	313	482	
1899	128332	306	419	
50 Years.	20,550,984	12,622	1628	

* Registering Turnstiles first erected.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1898-9.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	22	2725	4	1281	26	4006	4006	123	320	154
December	22	2814	3	628	25	3442	7448	127	209	137
January	22	3575	5	1110	27	4685	12133	162	222	173
February	17	3494	4	1654	21	5148	17281	205	413	245
March	22	3545	4	1645	26	5190	22471	161	411	199
April	21	8516	5	2211	26	10727	33198	405	442	412
May	24	15954	4	2548	28	18502	51700	664	637	660
June	21	8052	4	2434	25	10486	62186	383	608	419
July	22	12604	5	2975	27	15579	77765	572	595	577
August	22	28226	4	2123	26	25949	103714	1083	530	998
September	18	14035	4	2167	22	16202	119916	779	541	736
October	22	6535	5	1881	27	8416	128332	297	376	311
Totals, &c.	255	105675	51	22657	306	128332	128332	414	444	419

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
2613	1542	5809

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
662	1542	1175	1031	1246	2102	2846	10604

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1419	Blue Bks. {5178} {1143}	1090	9554	3422	1702	2442	3552	3030	274	...	32806
Lending, Peel Park	228	151	149	736	807	783	671	663	352	5425	247	10212
Greengate Branch	236	185	190	909	827	850	593	721	1193	5228	...	10932
Regent Road Branch ...	298	132	261	934	620	759	699	741	752	4842	...	10038
Pendleton Branch	169	68	192	794	455	464	444	437	719	4703	...	8445
Albert Park Branch	198	79	118	425	150	248	226	326	580	4579	...	6929
Waste Reading-Room...	14	14	26	64	40	33	45	83	226	203	...	748
Totals.....	2562	6950	2026	13416	6321	4839	5120	6523	6852	25254	247	80110

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEAVER READING- ROOM. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)								
1850 to 1880....	1713707	1526269	1001782	839239	199049	...	...	...	5280046	1851
1880-1.....	49629	65810	89045	111829	76561	...	...	...	392874	87533
1881-2.....	50731	64475	76215	103462	70482	...	...	...	365365	...
1882-3.....	49596	41503	70333	99316	78411	...	...	...	339159	...
1883-4.....	43637	41863	66954	94503	75166	...	...	...	322123	...
1884-5.....	46522	42384	63220	91426	76149	...	...	...	319701	1861
1885-6.....	55193	43414	69541	96356	88985	...	...	...	353489	102449
1886-7.....	56355	31222	67377	85948	93803	...	...	...	335005	...
1887-8.....	52167	30094	71922	94063	101999	...	...	...	350245	...
1888-9.....	48504	26949	63091	95769	88088	...	...	...	322401	...
1889-90.....	56673	22738	61025	82849	84300	...	...	...	317585	1871
1890-1.....	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	329598	124805
1891-2.....	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	407767	...
1892-3.....	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	406126	...
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	432728	...
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	435867	1881
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	419951	176228
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75106	101718	...	3544	414791	...
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	390266	...
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	379007	...
Totals	2,781,701	2,198,969	2,160,626	2,587,651	1,721,284	837,973	...	25,890	12,314,094	1891 198717 Present
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1898-99 ..	4,980,670		197,846	172,458	121,410	106,613	67,473	99,967	937,100	Estimated 218,244

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME. AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	138	257	135	19	6	19	48	152	187	187	276	224	56	18	574	1201
Greengate Branch...	159	153	49	26	26	7	103	111	47	159	262	2	141	15	420	897
Regent Road Branch	279	284	158	68	55	26	163	208	126	373	608	256	...	6	870	1762
Pendleton Branch...	163	123	76	26	27	274	125	168	110	286	9	664	1	15	689	1448
Albert Park Branch.	340	340	136	74	70	159	290	93	118	618	1	5	1060	53	1119	2382
Totals	1079	1157	554	213	184	485	729	732	588	1623	1156	1151	1258	107	3672	7690

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Adults. 2 to 9 p.m.	Boys. 5 to 9 p.m.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	50	19995	4069	24064	481	5162	103
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	50	13857	2408	16265	325	1740	34
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	50	11305	8660	19965	399	6703	134
PENDLETON BRANCH	50	6897	3029	9926	198	572	11
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	48	4334	63	4397	91	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS...	50	3310	1100	4410	88	...	...
WEASTE READING-ROOM	49	6844	2757	9601	195	2208	57
Totals.....	...	66542	22086	88628	1777	16385	339

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Economy	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park.....	933	918	1207	4535	1339	1081	31326	19334	1232	62055	206	300	171333	571
Greengate Branch	337	100	57	366	134	237	6522	12940	2785	23478	76	308	197846	612
Regent Road Branch	65	166	104	294	114	324	223	26117	1934	29341	95	308	172458	559
Pendleton Branch	34	9	14	92	106	43	117	20554	2278	23247	75	309	121110	392
Albert Park Branch	298	84	22	145	112	56	5706	17198	134	23755	80	294	106613	362
Charles'vnReading-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	298	67473	226
Waste Reading-Room ...	7	1	11	94	25	28	117	2690	448	3421	11	296	99967	337
Totals	1674	1278	1415	5656	1830	1769	44011	98833	8831	165297	543	...	937100	3089

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open
Peel Park.....	89	50	178	1234	342	671	320	554	30048	33486	117	255
Greengate Branch	122	87	98	620	290	712	327	973	22785	26014	86	300
Regent Road Branch	224	121	259	1168	514	1290	666	1745	40855	40872	156	299
Pendleton Branch	78	76	217	993	432	603	354	1713	37001	41467	140	296
Albert Park Branch	410	113	320	1222	398	1622	713	1404	55639	62841	221	284
Waste Reading-Room ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3030	...	3030	10	296
Totals	923	447	1072	5237	2006	4898	2380	9419	187328	213710	730	...

PARKS DEPARTMENT.

THE PEEL, SEEDLEY, ALBERT, AND ORDSALL PARKS.

Your Committee beg to report that the whole of the Public Parks in the Borough have been maintained in a fairly satisfactory state, in relation to vegetation and the growth of plants and shrubs, having regard to the somewhat trying conditions surrounding some of them, for the higher cultivation of plants and flowers. Nevertheless, the general appearance of all the Parks during the past season has shown the development of a considerable vitality in the ornamental portions thereof, and a healthy state of the grass plots and shrubberies, as the result of constant attention and careful gardening.

The display of flowering and bedding-out plants in the grounds skirting the walks and lawns of the several Parks, in the spring and during the summer, was very brilliant and in great variety, and was the subject of much appreciative observation by the visitors.

The unusually fine and genial warmth of the past summer demonstrated the utility of the Parks as popular centres for recreation for the inhabitants in the immediate vicinity, and Peel Park, as usual, had more than its usual number of visitors from the surrounding districts.

NEW RECREATION GROUND FOR CHILDREN.

The David Lewis Recreation Ground is now almost completed, and the improvements mentioned in the last report have been successfully carried out, namely :—The building of two large Shelters and a Park-keepers' Lodge. Much additional planting has been done, and the trees and shrubs have made very satisfactory progress. The grass playgrounds are in very good condition, and have been free for the use of the children during the greater part of the summer.

The lake, which was cleaned out and the bottom paved during last winter, has proved a great source of attraction to many thousands of children, both for "paddling" and for floating their toy boats.

Two large cinder spaces have been formed in front of the two shelters, about three-quarters of an acre each, and the whole of the new walks mentioned in the last report have been completed. A cinder footpath has been made outside the boundary fence for 450 yards along the Walness Lane. The footpath from Walness Bridge to the Walness Lane has been thoroughly repaired.

COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The Eighteenth Annual Show of Cottage Window Gardening was held in Peel Park, on the 4th, 5th, and 7th August last, and your Committee have great satisfaction in stating that the Exhibition is answering most admirably the object for which it was established, namely, that of fostering a love of plants and flowers in the houses of the poorer inhabitants of the Borough.

The Sale of Plants to Cottagers and others was 7,185, as against 7,063 last year. The amount awarded in prizes was £64 18s. 6d., as against £41 10s. 6d. in 1894. The attendance of the visitors was 16,290, and 13,273 in the previous year.

The Exhibition was opened by the Mayor, Mr. Alderman Rudman, accompanied by the Mayoress, and supported by the Chairman of the Parks Sub-Committee, Members of the Museum, etc., Committee and a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen who were interested in the Exhibition. The work of adjudicating the awards of merit was in the hands of competent judges, who had acted in that capacity in former years, and pronounced the exhibits as being of better quality than in former times. The special prizes given by the Mayor, of the value of £3, and by Mr. Charles J. Heywood, of £2 2s. respectively, stimulated a very keen competition for the prizes to be awarded in their special groups.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the Greens have been maintained in excellent condition, considering the increasing popularity of the game and the greatly increased number of bowlers. There has been a marked improvement in both the Ordsall and Charlestown Greens.

The total receipts from the five Bowling Greens were £228 7s. 4d., being

£53 9s. 10d. in excess of last year. 27,404 players used the several Greens during the season, and there is still a great and urgent demand for increased accommodation for the game, especially in the Seedley and Ordsall districts.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There were 40 Band Performances in the several Parks during the summer months, and were attended by large numbers of persons; and also 20 Performances in the Playgrounds, which were also fairly well attended.

The want of suitable band stands in the Parks is keenly felt by musicians and the public. The gravelled space around the Stand in Peel Park was also a source of much discomfort during the past summer.

The following Bands were engaged, namely :—

- The Police Band.
- „ Pendleton Old Prize Band.
- „ St. George's Prize Band.
- „ Irwell Street Mission Band.
- „ Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Band.
- „ Salford Union Band.

GENERALLY.

The principal work done in the Parks and Playgrounds is included in the following summary :—

In Peel Park, 715 yards of new strong iron railings have been fixed on the river bank, reaching the whole length of the Park.

700 yards of main drains in the roadway on the north-west side of the Park have been taken up, cleaned, and relaid.

200 yards of retort wall around the Girls' Gymnasium have been taken down and replaced by a stone wall, and the shrubbery planted with new shrubs from the Committee's Nursery Ground at the Sanatorium. 150 yards of wood fence around the Men's Gymnasium have been taken down and replaced by the stone coping and cast-iron fence taken from the old Marlborough Square enclosure. The cast-iron gates from the Grecian Street end of Albert Park have also been rehung at the entrance to this gymnasium. The Shelter

has been put in thorough repair, the woodwork of the large swings which was unsafe has been replaced by new timber. 120 yards of the wood fence by the Boys' Cricket Ground have been taken down, and 60 yards of it refixed by the men's conveniences, and the other replaced by 60 yards of iron fence. 100 yards of the wood fence taken down from the men's gymnasium have been refixed to fence off the manure yard, and 50 yards to fence the boys' gymnasium.

The whole of the granite asphalte (5,500 yards) around the Museum and Technical School has been tarred and sparred with limestone, and 1,224 yards of the walks around the statues of the Queen and Prince Consort have also been asphalted. This completes the whole of the walks in the upper portion of the Park. 1,800 yards of the walks around the Flower Garden and on the south side of the Lake have also been asphalted, and the drains of these walks examined and put in order. The central flight of steps have been re-concreted, and all the other steps repaired.

Seven full length Classical Plaster Cast Statutes have been placed along the north terrace, and eight Busts, in various positions, on the south side of the Museum. A shrubbery has been made on the bank facing the east entrance of the Museum.

The Front Railings and the Victoria and Ducie Gates have been painted. The new fence by the river-side, the gymnasiums, shelters, and greenhouses have all been kept in repair and painted.

The new Girder Bridge, which has been built to replace the Suspension Bridge at the end of Hough Lane, is almost completed, and will shortly be ready for the use of foot passengers.

SEEDLEY PARK.

The re-draining of the Central Walk by the laying of 800 yards of new drains, and re-building all the grid holes, has been executed. 900 yards of edging tiles were fixed on the edges of this walk, and 3,043 yards of asphalt laid. Twenty new seats were supplied in the spring, but this number is still insufficient. One half of the boundary been painted.

ALBERT PARK.

The Bowling Green has been enlarged by an addition of about 500 square yards. 174 yards of the cast-iron boundary fence at the Grecian Street end of the Park have been taken down and replaced by a new wrought-iron fence with new entrance gates to match. The stone wall around the Boys' Gymnasium has been raised three feet. Several important alterations have been made in the shrubberies, which has resulted in the trees and shrubs making much better growth.

A new design of Flower Beds has been put down on each side of the main walk between the Bridge and the Great Clowes Street entrance. The wall of the entry off Grecian Street has been painted on both sides, 200 yards of the boundary fence on Great Cheetham Street side of the Park has been taken down, the stone coping reset, and a new wrought-iron hurdle fixed.

A new Lodge has been built at the Grecian Street entrance, and will be soon ready for occupation.

ORDSALL PARK.

A new walk has been made on the west side of the Bowling Green, and 406 yards of asphalt laid. Two new shrubberies have been formed, also 20 new seats added round the Bowling Green.

A new Lodge has been built at the Trafford Road entrance of the Park, and this is almost completed.

LIVERPOOL STREET.

The whole of the fences have been painted, and the spaces under the parallel and horizontal bars have been paved with wood blocks. The experimental clumps of trees planted on this ground are succeeding very well and more should be planted.

GROSVENOR SQUARE.

The asphalte area in this ground, 4,870 yards, has been tarred and

sparred, and 150 yards of new asphalte laid. The floor of the shelter has been paved with wood blocks and the space under the swing posts ; the shelter repaired and painted, and also of the seats and fences.

KERSAL MOOR.

Six new seats have been fixed, and the roof of the shelter repaired.

OLDFIELD ROAD.

The whole of the asphalte area has been repaired, tarred, and sparred with limestone.

GREAT CHEETHAM STREET PLAYGROUND.

This Playground has been levelled up and fenced round with posts and rail, and is much used by the children and youths of the neighbourhood.

THE GREAT CHEETHAM STREET EAST PLAYGROUND.

Plans and estimates for the laying out of this ground have been considered and passed, and the work of preparation will be taken in hand at once.

SANATORIUM NURSERY GROUNDS.

The whole of the land has now been trenched and planted, and one part of the ground has been cleared for the proposed hospital extension. The trees and shrubs are in excellent condition, and this ground has already proved of considerable value to the department.

CHAIRMAN.

MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1899-1900.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Rudman.

THE EX-MAYOR, Alderman Sir Richard Mottram.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Mandley.

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Councillor Worsley.

*Mr. Alderman Phillips.

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„ „ T. Robinson.

„ „ Snape.

Mr. Councillor Albert.

„ „ Barnes.

„ „ Boys.

„ „ Corney.

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„ „ Desquesnes.

† „ „ Haworth.

„ „ Higson.

„ „ Huddart.

„ „ Robinson.

„ „ Thompson.

„ „ Yearnshaw.

* Chairman Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

† Chairman Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A. (Dub.), F.A.I., F.R.S.A.I.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Charles F. Dockray, *Curator's Assistant*.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant</i> .	Francis Harl, <i>Attendant</i> .
James Whitelegg, <i>Attendant</i> .	J. E. Mather, „
James Kershaw, <i>Junior Attendant</i> .	

LIBRARIES.

PEEL PARK.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian*.
Peter Fury, *Senior Assistant*.
Aloysius Smith, *Assistant*.

LENDING.

Charles H. Crossley, *Librarian*.
John Bray, *Senior Assistant*.
Enoch Stone, *Assistant*.

GREENGATE BRANCH.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian</i> .	Thomas Peel, <i>Assistant</i> .
Bernard Wallace, <i>Senior Assistant</i> .	Ernest Cowell, „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian</i> .	A. Wadsworth, <i>Assistant</i> .
F. Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant</i> .	F. J. Hewitt, „

PENDLETON BRANCH.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, <i>Librarian</i> .	E. Whitelegg, <i>Assistant</i> .
J. H. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant</i> .	T. H. Barnfield, „

ALBERT PARK BRANCH.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian</i> .	Alice Ingall, <i>Assistant</i> .
Thos. C. T. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant</i> .	Annie F. Haynes, „

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Caretaker*.

WEASTE READING-ROOM.

Westgarth Jilley, <i>Librarian</i> .	H. Worthington, <i>Assistant</i> .
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PUBLIC PARKS.

Alfred Wilsher, *Superintendent*.



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REPORT OF THE MUSEUM, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1900. It forms the fifty-second Annual Report upon the institutions under the control of the Committee.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

The casts of antique and modern sculptures in the Entrance Hall have been re-coloured.

Many of the show-cases in Room A, containing a number of objects which had already served their useful purposes in the Museum, have been removed to a large room in the Pendleton Branch Library. The remainder were placed in Room H. All the show-cases in Room B—in which are exhibited objects of fine art and industrial art—were then transferred to Room A. By this means the objects in Room A form now a source of attraction and instruction, and the Langworthy Gallery (Room B) is reserved solely for the exhibition of sculptures and paintings, which is an advantage for the student and visitor, and greatly enhances the appearance of the room.

In Rooms A and B are exhibited the pieces of marble sculpture bequeathed by the late Mr. Benjamin Armitage, of Chomlea, and enumerated below.

Here also are casts of the following statues, added to the collections during the year, the Board of Education bearing nearly one-half the cost of purchase:—"The Wrestlers" (marble), a work probably of the Hellenistic

age (320—100 B.C.) ; “The Boy and Goose” (marble), a Græco-Roman copy of a bronze by Boethos, 3rd century B.C. ; “Mercury” (bronze), by Giovanni Bologna, 16th century A.D. ; “The Knife Sharpener” (marble), Pergamene School, about 200 B.C. ; “David” (bronze), by Donatello, about 1440-50 ; “Eve,” by Patrick McDowell, R.A., 1850 ; “Pax,” a female figure, studied from life, by Mons. E. Lanteri, 1896 ; “Aphrodite of the Esquiline” (marble), School of Pasiteles, 1st century B.C. ; and “The Praying Boy” (bronze), probably a Græco-Roman copy of a bronze work by Boedas, 4th century B.C.

Casts of Michael Angelo’s “Day,” “Night,” “Dawn,” “Twilight,” and of the head of Donatello’s “St. George” are in Room B ; and in Room A are casts of Italian sculptures of the 15th century, by the following masters :—Jacopo della Quercia, Donatello, Desiderio da Settignano, Francesco Laurana, Rossellino (School of), Andrea della Robbia, Mino da Fiesole, Matteo Civitali of Lucca, Alessandro Leopardi, and Andrea del Verrocchio.

The following facsimile reproductions of Roman bronzes of the 1st century A.D., the originals of which were found in Herculaneum and Pompeii, are in Room A :—Head of L. Caecilius Jucundus ; Head of Seneca ; Head of Scipio Africanus Major ; Head of Berenice ; five statuettes, “Silenus,” “The Dancing Satyr,” “Narcissus,” “Victory,” and “Venus at her Toilet” ; a Roman helmet, vase, and milk jug.

The loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, and now consists of the following :—

- 1.—Wood-carvings : English, 15th century ; French, 15th and 16th centuries ; Italian, 16th century ; German and Spanish, 17th century.
- 2.—Electrotype reproductions of silver plate, English and Irish, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.
- 3.—Examples of modern enamelled earthenware, and modern ware in imitation of vessels of Majolica and of early Turkish, Spanish, Hispano-Moresque, Florentine, and Ronen wares.
- 4.—Examples of glass vessels : Phœnician, 5th century B.C. ; Italian, 16th and 17th centuries A.D. ; German and Bohemian, 17th century ; Spanish, 18th century. Also, modern Italian jewellery,

ear-rings, and breast ornaments, set with pearls, garnets, turquoises, corals, and coloured pastes; Florentine, Piedmont, and Lower Etruria.

5.—Some frames of examples of printed cotton fabrics.

The second half of the First Historical Series of Water-colour Drawings formed in the early part of the year, a special and attractive loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The show-cases in the gallery (Room C) set apart for illustrating the science of Ethnography are greatly overcrowded, wasteful of space, and unsuited for the exhibition of the specimens. Your Committee will therefore order new cases, and in these the entire collections—many of which cannot now be placed on exhibition for want of room—will be re-arranged, and better exhibited.

Your Committee secured on loan from the National Gallery of British Art, through the kindness of the Trustees, the painting, “Winter’s Sleep,” by H. W. Adams, which was purchased this year from the Royal Academy, under the terms of the Chantrey Bequest.

The Ornithological Collections in Room D have been cleaned during the year.

At the request of the Municipal Corporation of St. Helens, the painting, “Il Madonnajo,” by Keeley Halswelle, R.I., was lent for exhibition in that town.

A collection of interesting objects, chiefly of bronze, from Benin City, West Africa, was lent for exhibition by Mr. W. D. Webster.

The second and third editions of the new Handbook to the Fine Arts Section were sold out during the year.

There has been a considerable increase in the attendance of visitors during the year; and your Committee have special pleasure in reporting that during the summer months the galleries were visited by the scholars of thirty-nine schools, under the control of their teachers. Most of these schools paid many visits, the children coming in detachments. Your Committee welcome these scholars, and hope that the schools will make even a more extended use of the educational advantages of the institution.

DONATIONS.

The following objects were added by gift to the collections :—

Oil Painting, "Wild Wales," by B. W. Leader, R.A.—William Mather, Esq., M.P.

(Special attention has been recently drawn to a former gift by Messrs. Mather and Platt, "The Meeting of Esau and Jacob," by G. F. Watts, R.A., this painting being now valued at £1,200.)

Gravure, "Reception of Mayors and Provosts by Her Majesty, the Queen, 1897."—Alderman Sir Richard Mottram, J.P.

Old Dish, Flemish ware.—F. Ray Hardy, Esq.

Silver Medal, Society for the Improvement of Agriculture, Salford Hundred, 1767.—Sir Henry H. Howorth, M.P., *per* Mr. Councilor Hopwood.

Ewer and Bowl, English cream ware, about 1816.—Mrs. Ashworth.

Specimen of Coral from Roscoe's Pit, Little Hulton.—William Seddon, Esq.

Bag, Cap, Dagger, Drum-shell, Idol, from Rio del Rey; Cassava sifter, and two knives and sheaths, from Maculla; Loom for Mats, Fetish, Grass Purse, Girdle, and Mask, from Cameroon; West Africa.—A. Ridyard, Esq.

Kookri and Sheath.—Anonymous.

Pair of Sabots.—Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.

Meteoric Mass and Indian Stone Hammer-head, from Rapid City, Manitoba.—Harry Smith, Esq.

Collection of objects from the tombs at Abydos, Upper Egypt, dating from XII. dynasty, about 2,400 years B.C.—Professor Flinders Petrie, Director of the Egyptian Research Account.

Following upon the lamented death of Mr. Benjamin Armitage, of Chomlea, through whose generosity the institutions have benefited on former

occasions, the following pieces of marble sculpture, bequeathed by him to the Art Galleries, were received by your Committee :—

Panel, with boat and boatmen in relief, by Percival Ball.

Group, with marble pedestal, "The Cupid Dealer," by Rosetti, Rome.

Statuette, with scagliola pedestal, study, "Summer," by E. G. Papworth.

Statuette with scagliola pedestal, "Elinore," by E. G. Papworth.

Bust, "Rachel," by E. G. Papworth.

Bust with scagliola pedestal, Female Head, by E. G. Papworth.

Bust with scagliola pedestal, "Prayer," by J. D. Crittenden.

Bust, Italian Peasant Girl, by Percival Ball.

PURCHASES.

Among the objects added to the collections by purchase, the following are the more important :—

Two paintings from the collection of the late Mr. Benjamin Armitage, of Chomlea, "Ossian's Grave," by J. MacWhirter, R.A., a fine and very striking example of that artist ; and "A Volunteer for the Lifeboat," by Mrs. Webb Robinson.

Plaster casts of antique and modern statues, and of Italian sculptures of the 15th century.

Facsimile reproductions of Pompeiian and Herculaneum Bronzes in the Naples Museum.

Ethnographical specimens from various living races of mankind.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the Libraries and Reading Rooms are yearly increasing in efficiency and public usefulness. Your Committee are pleased to think that this is in no small degree, attributable to the attention which is bestowed upon the selection of suitable literature, and the comfort of readers.

There is an increase in the number of books in stock in the various Libraries amounting to 2,284, and this is principally made up as follows :—547 works on Political and Social Economy, 522 Science and Art, 215 Biography, 281 History, and 697 Fiction.

The approaching financial year will bring increased facilities for some needed improvements in the Libraries, for the enrichment of the existing stocks of books, and generally, for bringing the Institutions into line with modern requirements. The addition of one halfpenny in the pound to the Library Rate will afford such additional outlay, and it is hoped that by increasing the usefulness and attractiveness of the Institutions, they will become still more intimately connected with the life of the community. The Committee will, when in receipt of this addition to their revenue, give careful attention to the requests for one or more additional Reading Rooms, but, in any case, even if the funds allow, they will pay due regard to the equitable location of such new institution or institutions.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the erection of the new Branch Library and Reading Room at Irlams o' th' Height, and your Committee are making all necessary arrangements for appointing a competent staff, for stocking the shelves with books, and the tables and stands with magazines and papers; and for opening the Institution complete in every detail for public use in the shortest time after the building leaves the hands of the Contractors.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, AND LIBRARIES AND READING ROOMS.

The practical use which is made of the institutions placed under the control of your Committee can hardly, perhaps, be more clearly indicated than by the following epitome of attendances, &c., which shows an increase over the returns of the preceding year.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries ...	132,737
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	212,473
3.—No. of Issues of Books to the Reading Rooms	162,402
4.—No. of Readers of Magazines and Newspapers	937,559
Total..	<u>1,445,171</u>

Your Committee arranged for the following series of Free Lectures which were given, under their auspices, in the Great Hall of the Royal Technical Institute.

1899.

October 17th.—W. H. Newett, Esq. “A Day in London : What may be seen there.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P.

October 31st.—Rev. W. J. Houlgate, M.B.A.A. “Pictures from the Depths of Space.”

November 14th.—Rev. F. F. Grensted, M.A. “The Origin of Alphabets, or, How Men found out the Art of Writing.”

November 28th.—Rev. George Evans, M.A. “The Babylonian Deluge.”

December 12th.—Samuel Wells, F.A.I. “Experiences in Search of Volcanoes, or, Mountains which blow their Heads off.”

1900.

January 9th.—Rev. Charles Harris, M.A. “Lake Dwellings and Lake Dwellers.”

January 23rd.—John Penberthy Esq. “Cornwall.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Albert.

February 6th.—J. Howard Reed, Esq. “The Transvaal.”

February 20th.—Rev. A. H. Dolphin. “Thomas Carlyle and Sartor Resartus.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.

March 6th.—Charles Dunderdale, Esq. “Egypt.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.

March 20th.—Rev. George Shenton, M.A. “Rome : The Eternal City.” Chairman. Mr. Councillor Worsley.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Anonymously—

An Evening with Punch ; being a Selection from the First Fifty Years of Punch.

Bashforth, F. (the Author)—

Second Supplement to a Revised Account of the Experiments made
with the Bashforth Chronograph, 1900.

Bowles, T. G., M.P.—

The Declaration of Paris of 1856.

British and Foreign Bible Society—

God's Word in God's World, 1900.

Ninety-Sixth Report, 1899-1900.

British Association for the Advancement of Science—

Report of the 69th Meeting held at Dover, September, 1899.

British Museum, Trustees of the—

Book of the Dead: Facsimiles of the Papyri of Hunefer, Anhai,
Keräsher, and Netchemet, 1899.

Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists, vol. 2, 1900.

Catalogue of Fossil Bryozoa: Cretaceous, vol. 1, 1899.

Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalænæ: Arctiadæ, vol. 2, 1900.

Catalogue of Printed Books (parts as published).

Catalogue of Seals, vol. 6, 1900.

Catalogue of the Cuneiform Tablets in the Kouyunjik Collection, vol. 5,
1899.

Facsimiles of Autographs, Fifth Series, 1899.

Handbook of the Coins of Great Britain and Ireland, 1899.

Index to the Charters and Rolls, vol. I, 1899.

Monograph of Christmas Island: Physical Features and Geology, 1900.

Reproductions of Prints: Specimens of Line Engraving by the Earliest
Masters practising in England, 1545-1695, part 9, 1900.

Rules for Compiling Catalogues, 1900.

Browne, T. B., Limited (the Publishers)—

The Advertiser's A.B.C. Advertisement Press Directory, 1900.

Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.

Proceedings 1899-1900.

City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical
Education—

Report, 1899.

Cobden Club—

Annual Report and List of Members, 1899.

Commissioner of Education, Washington—

Report, 1897-8.

Co-operative Union Limited—

Report of the 32nd Annual Co-operative Congress, held at Cardiff,
June, 1900.

Delhavé, C.—

Histoire d'un Merle Blanc. Par A. de Musset ; with Grammatical and
Explanatory Notes, and a French-English Vocabulary by C.
Delhavé, 1900.

Ma Tante : une Comédie. Par H. Gréville ; with Notes, &c., by C.
Delhavé, 1895.

Merope : une Tragédie, en Cinq Actes. Par F. M. A. de Voltaire ;
with Grammatical and Explanatory Notes by C. Delhavé, 1887.

Digby, Long, and Company, Messrs. (the Publishers)—

Thirty-nine Cantos from the Divina Commedia of Dante. Translated by
Potter, 1899.

Dublin University—

Calendar, 1900.

Examination Papers, 1899.

Durham University—

Calendar, 1899-1900.

Edwards, Passmore—

Passmore Edwards Institutions : Founding and Opening Ceremonies.
By J. J. Macdonald, 1900.

Emigrants' Information Office—

Circulars as published.

General Register and Record Office of Shipping and Seamen—

List of Deceased Seamen (as published).

Governors of the John Rylands Library, Manchester—

Catalogue of the Library, 3 vols., 1899.

Greenwood, W. N. (the Publisher)—

Greenwood's Nautical Almanac, 1900, two copies.

Hoyle, W. E., M.A.—

Manchester Museum Publications :

Labels of the Principal Divisions of Coleoptera.

Notes on some Jurassic Plants, 1900.

Report, 1899-1900.

Incorporated Society of Musicians—

Register of Members, 1900.

Johnson, G. R.—

War in South Africa : Its Causes and Effects. By J. A. Hobson, 1899.

Kirlew, M. (the Authoress)—

Green Garry.

Red Thread of Honour.

Knowles, Lees, M.P.—

Large number of Parliamentary Blue Books.

Leigh-Browne Trust, London—

Biological Experimentation. By Sir B. W. Richardson, 1896.

Libraries, Free Public : Annual Reports, 1899-1900—

Aberdeen, Aston, Baillie's Institution (Glasgow), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Fulham, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hanley, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Moss Side, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. George's, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Louis

(U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Southampton, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tyne-mouth, Walsall, Watford, West Ham, Westminster, White-chapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, York.

Library of Congress, Washington—

Copyright Enactments, 1783-1900.

List of Books relating to Inter-Oceanic Canal and Railway Routes, 1900.

List of Books relating to Cuba, 1898.

List of Books relating to Hawaii, 1898.

List of Books relating to the Theory of Colonization, &c., 1900.

List of Books relating to Trusts, 1900.

List of Maps and Charts of Alaska, 1898.

List of Maps and Views of Washington and District of Columbia, 1900

London, Corporation of the City of—

Calendar of Letter Books preserved among the Archives of the Corporation of the City of London. Letter Book B: Circa A.D., 1275-1312. Edited by R. R. Sharpe, 1900.

London Society for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews—

Report, 1899-1900, four copies.

Macdonald, W., and Company, Limited (the Publishers)—

Macdonald's English Directory and Gazetteer, 1900, two vols.

Macmillan and Company, Messrs. (the Publishers)—

Eleven Scientific Text Books.

Manchester Corporation—

Citizens' Roll, 1899-1900, five copies.

Manchester Geological Society—

Transactions, 1899-1900.

Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—

Memoirs and Proceedings, 1899-1900.

Manchester Local Committee of the Library Association—

Special Collections of Books in Lancashire and Cheshire. By C. W. Sutton, 1900.

Manchester Statistical Society—

Transactions, 1899-1900.

New Brunswick, Agent-General for—

Handbook of New Brunswick, 1900.

New Brunswick, Past and Present, N.D.

New South Wales, Agent-General for—

Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1898-9.

Year-Book of Australia, 1900.

Owens College—

Calendar, 1900-1.

Patents, Commissioners of—

Trade Marks Journals, Abridgments, Illustrated Official Journals, and
Specifications of Patents, 1899-1900.

Pendleton Co-operative Society—

Co-operative Wholesale Societies, Limited (England and Scotland)—
Annual for 1900.

Primm P. (the Authoress)—

Belling the Cat, six copies, 1899.

Robertson, Miss—

Beautiful in Nature and in the Fine Arts. By Andrew Robertson,
1896.

Letters and Papers of Andrew Robertson, 1895.

Royal Dublin Society—

Scientific Proceedings and Transactions, 1899-1900.

Royal Geographical Society—

Proceedings, 1899 1900.

Royal Institution of Great Britain—

Proceedings, 1899-1900.

Royal National Life-Boat Institution —

Report, 1899.

Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen, Manchester—

Toilers of the Deep, vol. 14, 1899, five copies.

Royal Society—

Proceedings, 1899-1900.

Royal University of Ireland—

Calendar, 1900.

Examination Papers, 1899.

Ruskin Museum Committee of the Sheffield Corporation—

Principles of Art according to Ruskin. Compiled by W. White, 1895.

Salford Corporation —

Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts, 1899-1900.

Burgess Roll, 1899-1900.

Health Reports, 1899-1900.

Parliamentary Blue Books, 1899-1900.

Proceedings of the Council, 1899-1900.

Salford Guardians—

Analysis of the Expenditure of the Salford Union, 1899-1900.

Sell, H. (the Publisher)—

Sell's Dictionary of the World's Press, 1900.

Stubbs' Publishing Company, Limited —

Stubbs' Directory, 1900.

Sutton, C. W.—

Manchester Public Free Libraries : a History, &c. By W. R. Credland,
1899.

United States Department of Agriculture. (Section of Foreign Markets) —

Our Foreign Trade in Agricultural Products, 1890-9.

Trade of Puerto Rico, 1898.

Trade of the Phillipine Islands, 1898.

University Correspondence College Press—

Correspondence College Calendar, 1899-1900.

London University Guide, 1899-1900.

Matriculation Directory, January, 1900.

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| Accountant. | Liberator. |
| All the World. | Local Government Chronicle. |
| American Machinist. | Local Government Journal. |
| Awake. | London Argus. |
| Bimetallist. | London Daily Chronicle. |
| Blackpool Herald. | Machinery Market. |
| Board of Trade Journal. | Manchester Courier. |
| British Architect. | „ Evening Mail. |
| Canadian Gazette. | „ Guardian. |
| Catholic Times. | „ Weekly Times. |
| Child's Guardian. | Melia's Magazine. |
| Church Missionary Gleaner. | Midland Counties Herald. |
| „ „ Intelligencer. | Mission Field. |
| „ „ Juvenile Instructor. | Monthly Record of the Manchester |
| Church Weekly. | Chamber of Commerce. |
| Civil Service Aspirant. | Musical Herald. |
| Clerks of Works Journal. | Nature Notes. |
| Colliery Guardian. | New Church Magazine. |
| Co-operative News. | Personal Rights Journal |
| Cottager and Artisan. | Phrenological Magazine. |
| Deliverer. | Poor Law Officers' Journal. |
| Drapers' Record. | Positivist Review. |
| Educational Review. | Printer's Engineer. |
| „ Times. | Property List. |
| Electrician. | Rural World. |
| Foresters' Miscellany. | Textile Recorder. |
| Herald of the Golden Age. | Tool and Machinery Register. |
| Homœopathic Review. | Travel. |
| India-Rubber and Gutta-Percha | Two Worlds. |
| Trades' Journal. | University Correspondent. |
| Insurance Spectator. | Vaccination Inquirer. |
| Inventors' Review. | Vegetarian Messenger. |
| Iron and Coal Trades Review | Weekly Dispatch. |
| Jewish Intelligence. | Worcester Herald. |
| Justice. | Zoophilist. |
| Labour Gazette. | |

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Caledonian.
Cambrian.
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford.
Great Central.
Great Eastern.
Great Northern.
Great Northern (Ireland).
Great Southern and Western
 (Ireland).
Great Western.

Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London and North Western.
London and South Western.
London, Chatham, and Dover.
Metropolitan.
Midland.
Midland Great Western (Ireland).
North British.
North Eastern.
South Eastern.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1900.

Year, ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850	16000	129	1240	Museum opened in April.
1851	276500	188	1465	Museum enlarged.
1852	303140	200	1515	Museum collections increased.
1853	67225	66	1018	Museum closed nine months.
1854	330274	217	1520	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1855	448220	260	1720	Museum enlarged.
1856	580069	241	2408	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1857	888830	279	3508	Local Artists' First Exhibition.
1858	538444	265	2032	Summer Exhibition.
1859	683575	268	2550	Exhibition of Paintings.
1860	588770	264	2230	Exhibition of Paintings.
1861	600120	277	2166	Travelling Museum of S. K. M.
1862	767700	260	2568	Exhibition of Paintings.
1863	454400	214	2123	Exhibition of Paintings.
1864	620370	262	2370	Summer Exhibition.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Second Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	{ Local Artists' Third Exhibition.
1879	381000	260	1465	{ Langworthy Gallery opened.
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balacava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
1896	132021	285	463	First permanently opened on Sundays.
1897	149812	317	472	
1898	151058	313	482	
1899	128332	306	419	
1900	132737	310	428	
51 Years.	20,683,721	12,932	1,590	

* Registering Turnstiles first erected.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1899-1900.

Month.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	22	2777	4	932	26	3709	3709	126	233	142
December	20	1494	5	720	25	2214	5923	74	144	88
January	22	2821	4	632	26	3453	9376	128	158	132
February	18	2117	4	889	22	3606	12382	117	222	136
March	22	3746	4	1955	26	5701	18083	170	488	219
April	21	8788	5	3046	26	11834	29917	418	609	455
May	23	6727	4	2004	27	8731	38648	292	501	323
June	22	19057	4	3060	26	22117	60765	866	765	850
July	22	12313	5	2956	27	15269	70034	559	591	565
August	22	21330	4	2295	26	23625	99659	969	573	908
September	21	19206	5	3178	26	22384	127043	914	635	860
October	23	8898	4	1796	27	10694	132737	386	449	396
Totals, &c.	258	109274	52	23463	310	132737	132737	423	451	428

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
2618	3083	1983

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
889	3033	2081	1489	1182	2585	1208	12517

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1436	Blue Bks. {5678} {1171}	1105	9863	3460	1761	2497	3094	3132	277	...	33474
Lending, Peel Park	232	153	150	780	831	812	712	667	370	5563	245	10515
Greengate Branch	236	188	192	930	836	860	604	745	1206	5463	...	11260
Regent Road Branch ...	300	137	269	974	647	790	750	758	758	4793	...	10176
Pendleton Branch	172	72	196	822	473	487	485	445	739	4789	...	8680
Albert Park Branch	204	82	121	460	175	273	273	347	610	4775	...	7320
Weaste Reading-Room...	14	16	30	109	50	71	80	78	230	291	...	969
Totals.....	2594	7497	2063	13938	6472	5054	5401	6134	7045	25951	245	82394

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1880.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WASTE READING- ROOM. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)								
1850 to 1880.....	1713707	1526269	1001782	839239	199049	...	...	...	5280046	1851
1880-1.....	49629	65810	89045	111829	76561	...	...	...	392874	87533
1881-2.....	50731	64475	76215	103462	70482	...	...	...	365365	...
1882-3.....	49596	41503	70333	99316	78411	...	...	...	339159	...
1883-4.....	43637	41863	66954	94503	75166	...	...	...	322123	...
1884-5.....	46522	42384	63220	91426	76149	...	...	...	319701	1861
1885-6.....	55193	43414	69541	96356	88985	...	...	...	353489	102449
1886-7.....	56655	31222	67377	85948	93803	...	...	...	335005	...
1887-8.....	52167	30094	71922	94063	101999	...	...	...	350245	...
1888-9.....	48504	26949	63031	95769	88088	...	...	...	322401	...
1889-90.....	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	317585	1871
1890-1.....	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	329598	121805
1891-2.....	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	407767	...
1892-3.....	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	406126	...
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	432728	...
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	435867	1881
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	419951	176228
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75106	101718	...	3544	414791	...
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	390266	...
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	379007	...
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	374875	1891
Totals.....	2,843,176	2,232,086	2,207,223	2,657,609	1,783,032	931,332	...	34,511	12,688,969	198717 Present
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1899-00 ..	5,075,262		190,337	172,651	106,407	106,136	69,510	126,100	937,559	Estimated 220,816
	166,418									

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME. AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	195	261	76	23	13	20	61	144	167	216	288	247	36	17	588	1221
Greengate Branch...	175	161	50	31	20	12	99	112	46	192	275	5	154	15	449	869
Regent Road Branch	217	254	146	81	46	25	149	174	127	319	560	204	...	5	769	1640
Pendleton Branch ...	155	119	74	39	11	259	141	128	113	275	17	618	2	20	657	1343
Albert Park Branch.	339	362	159	95	65	232	274	103	139	736	6	11	1194	41	1252	2371
Totals	1081	1157	505	269	153	548	724	661	592	1738	1146	1085	1386	98	3715	7444

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Adults. 2 to 9 p.m.	Boys. 5 to 9 p.m.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	50	19675	3965	23640	472	4920	98
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	49	14362	2222	16584	338	1478	30
REGENT ROAD BRANCH	49	10667	8070	18737	382	5696	116
PENDLETON BRANCH	49	5970	2443	8413	171	363	7
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	50	4770	80	4850	97	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS ..	50	3569	1076	4645	92	...	...
WEASTE READING-ROOM	50	8247	2673	10920	218	2608	52
Totals.....	...	67260	20529	87789	1770	15065	303

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park.....	952	1025	1252	4243	1248	1016	31495	19063	1181	61475	202	303	166418	549
Greengate Branch	308	41	27	249	83	179	6169	12044	2160	21260	71	297	190837	640
Regent Road Branch	46	47	56	231	86	158	181	25702	821	27328	92	296	172651	583
Pendleton Branch	13	10	22	73	98	76	111	18921	1465	29789	69	299	106407	355
Albert Park Branch	90	24	9	96	64	35	7460	19081	175	27034	87	308	106136	344
Charles'wnRead'g-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	303	69510	229
Waste Reading-Room ..	36	77	76	136	126	227	70	2896	872	4516	14	308	126100	409
Totals	1445	1224	1442	5028	1705	1691	45486	97707	6674	162402	535	...	937559	3109

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues	Days Open.
Peel Park.....	139	114	159	1458	478	804	406	609	28950	33117	119	278
Greengate Branch	87	65	133	704	203	914	328	872	22031	25337	87	288
Regent Road Branch	229	74	231	897	494	1134	538	1646	37387	42630	149	286
Pendleton Branch	95	104	173	1084	533	1205	299	1858	35608	40959	142	288
Albert Park Branch	379	100	301	1148	406	1271	727	1332	60461	66325	219	302
Waste Reading-Room ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4105	...	4105	13	307
Totals	929	457	997	5291	2114	5328	2298	10622	184137	212473	729	...

PARKS DEPARTMENT.

THE PEEL, SEEDLEY, ALBERT AND ORDSALL PARKS.

Notwithstanding the somewhat unsettled state of the weather during the past summer, the whole of these parks have been maintained in a fairly satisfactory condition. A considerable number of trees and shrubs have been planted in several of the parks, and the shrubberies have shown vigorous growth and have greatly improved in appearance. The grass plats have received continuous attention and are in excellent condition.

The increased facilities afforded by the propagating houses for bedding out plants have provided a good display of flowering plants in all the parks. The tulips and other spring flowering bulbs were exceptionally fine; and the summer display in the flower beds were considered admirable both for variety and effect.

The parks continue to be visited by a large number of visitors from the neighbourhoods surrounding them; and the Peel Park, especially at holiday times, by the addition of a large number of persons from beyond the borough.

THE DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND FOR CHILDREN.

This ground is showing to great advantage, considering the comparatively short time it has been formed, and is daily gaining in popularity, by the enjoyment it affords to increasing numbers of children.

The Trustees have generously added to the facilities for the recreation of the children by authorising the construction of large and well equipped gymnasia for boys and girls, which are now nearly completed.

NEW RECREATION GROUND IN GREAT CHEETHAM STREET EAST.

The work of forming this playground is proceeding satisfactorily, and leaves the contour of the land practically unchanged. The whole of the boundary fence and entrance gates are fixed. The spaces for the boys' and

girls' gymnasia have been excavated and enclosed by rubble walls built, which also serve to uphold embankments to screen the gymnasia.

The contract for the gymnastic apparatus has been let. The shelter and the conveniences are in course of construction.

During the time the work has been in progress the ground has been open for children to play, a privilege that has been much appreciated by them.

THE LAND FRONTING THE CRESCENT.

It having been decided to raise the level of this land ten or twelve feet the ground has been open as a tip for some time and the work of levelling up is being rapidly carried out.

COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

This annual exhibition, the nineteenth of the series, was held in Peel Park, on the 3rd, 4th, and 6th of August last, and it is gratifying to report, that it was in respect of its extent and the quality of the exhibits far in advance of any of its predecessors.

The sale of plants to the cottagers and others, many of whom did not compete for prizes, at the exhibition was 7,017, as against 7,185 last year. The amount awarded in prizes was £72 6s., as against £64 18s. 6d. last year. The attendance of visitors, in consequence of the extraordinary inclemency of the weather during the whole of the time the exhibition was open, was about 10,000, as against 16,290 the previous year. It is however gratifying to report that notwithstanding this great falling-off the deficit only amounted to £12 7s. 9d.

The Mayor, Mr. Alderman Rudman, accompanied by the Mayoress, opened the exhibition, and was supported by the Chairman of the Parks Subcommittee, members of the Museum, &c. Committee, and a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen who were interested in the exhibition. The work of adjudicating the awards of merits was again put in the hands of competent judges, most of whom had acted in that capacity on many previous occasions, and who pronounced the exhibits to be the best yet shown in the park. The special prizes given by the Mayor of the value of £2, by Mr. Charles J. Hey-

wood and by Mr. William Mather, M.P., of £2 2s. respectively, stimulated a very keen competition for the prizes to be awarded in their special groups.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the greens have been maintained in excellent condition considering the heavy use and consequent wear to which they have been subjected during the bowling season, which points to the need of more accommodation for playing the games.

The total receipts from the five bowling greens have been as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Peek Park	33	19	6
Seedley Park.....	59	4	6
Albert „	42	17	6
Ordsall „	44	0	0
Charlestown	38	6	0
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	£218	7	6
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26,205 players have used the greens during the season.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There were forty-eight performances in the several parks during the summer months and twenty-eight in the various playgrounds, all of which were fairly well attended. The want of suitable band stands in the parks is keenly felt by the musicians and the public who attend the performances.

The following bands were engaged at a cost of £172 7s. 10d.

- The Police Band.
- The Salford Borough Band.
- The Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Band.
- The Irwell Street Mission Band.
- The St. George's Band.
- The Pendleton Old Prize Band.
- The South Salford Band.

GENERALLY.

The principal work done in the parks and playgrounds is included in the following summary.

In Peel Park two new greenhouses each 70 feet long, and a new set of six closets have been built ; 100 yards of new 6 inch drain have been laid.

A new office with store room attached has been built.

The Victoria Arch which was struck by lightning on 11th June, has been repaired and lightning conductors fixed to the terminals.

Fifty clumps of shrubs have been planted on the river bank.

Forty yards of boundary wall on the Walness Lane side of the park have been pointed and rebuilt where necessary.

ALBERT PARK.

The refencing of 300 yards of the boundary on the Great Cheetham Street side of the park has been completed ; the centre walk has been re-drained with 1,260 yards of pipes, and all the grid holes have been rebuilt and trapped ; 1,400 yards of edging tiles have been fixed, and the walk prepared for asphaltting.

The new lodge has been completed, and the necessary alterations of the adjacent walks and shrubberies have been made.

ORDSALL PARK.

The new lodge in this park has been completed, and very considerable alterations have been made in the surrounding walks and shrubberies at the Trafford Road entrance.

The floor of the shelter has been concreted, the seats put in order, and a new tool house built near the men's gymnasium.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

The whole of the walks have been asphalted, covering no less than 1,659 superficial square yards.

The drainage from the girls' conveniences has been reconstructed and connected with the new sewer in Whit Lane.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

The whole of the ground work, draining, walling, and fencing in connection with the new gymnasium has been done under the direction of the Parks Sub-Committee, and 200 yards of new water pipe have been laid.

Two hundred yards of 3 feet 6 inch fence have been fixed near the lake, and forty yards of drains from the boys' conveniences have been taken out and replaced.

BROUGHTON ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

One hundred and sixty-four yards of 3 feet 6 inch strong iron fencing, with the necessary gates, have been fixed to this ground.

SANATORIUM NURSERY GROUND.

The whole of the land available is now occupied with an excellent stock of young trees and shrubs ; but more land is urgently needed for such purpose, as this branch of the Committee's work increases in importance year by year.

KERSAL MOOR.

This highly popular and health recruiting Recreation Ground has retained its moorland features, and is visited by largely increasing numbers of visitors, more especially during the summer season. The question of renewing the lease, which expires next March, is engaging the serious attention of the Committee.

J. G. MANDLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

Museum, Peel Park,
October, 1900.

MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1900-1901.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Rudman.

THE EX-MAYOR, Alderman Sir Richard Mottram.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Mandley.

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Councillor Worsley.

*Mr. Alderman Phillips.

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* Chairman Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

† Chairman Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A. (Dub.), F.A.I., F.R.S.A.I.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Assistant.*

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	|	Francis Harl, <i>Attendant.</i>
James Whitelegg, <i>Attendant.</i>	|	J. E. Mather, „
William Grindley, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>		

LIBRARIES.

PEEL PARK.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
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Aloysius Smith, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Charles H. Crossley, *Librarian.*
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GREENGATE BRANCH.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>		Ernest Cowell, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>		James Kershaw „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>		A. Wadsworth, <i>Assistant.</i>
F. Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>		F. J. Hewitt „

PENDLETON BRANCH.

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J. H. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>		T. H. Barnfield, „

ALBERT PARK BRANCH.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>		Charles F. Dockray, <i>Assistant.</i>
Bernard Wallace, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	|	Alice Ingall, „

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Caretaker.*

WEASTE BRANCH.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>		John Burgess, <i>Assistant.</i>
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PUBLIC PARKS.

Alfred Wilsher, *Superintendent.*



COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUM, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee, have the honour of presenting their Annual Report—the fifty-fourth of the series—for the year ended 31st October, 1902.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

Several of the portraits exhibited for many years in Room A, have been removed to the upper corridor, a change which permitted the introduction to Room A of a number of the best pictures from Room C. Among them are works by Berrettini, Rubens, Gerard Van Honthorst, Luca Giordano, Guercino and Paolo Veronese. These valuable works can now be seen to better advantage than heretofore because of the greater extent of unoccupied floor-space in their new position.

The Ceramic collections, in which are to be seen many English examples of rarity and value, have been entirely re-arranged in the wall-cases of Room A, and considerable attention has been paid to the important matter of labelling the various objects. This collection is a source of much pleasure and interest to the general public; and it is to be hoped that, by means of judicious acquisitions, it may become annually of still greater value to collectors and students, who already use it as a guide and index.

Consequent upon this re-arrangement, space has been provided in the wall-cases of the gallery, for the beautiful collection of Japanese art objects—pottery, porcelain, ivory- and wood-carvings, lacquer-work and metal-work—

deposited on loan by Mrs. Isaac Morris. This collection, now brought together, forms a charming and attractive whole, illustrating, as it does, many phases of the wonderful art work of the Japanese.

Your Committee have again availed themselves of the assistance of the Board of Education in the purchase of reproductions of objects of art, by ordering electrotype copies of selected and representative examples of German silversmith's work, 15th to 18th century. Apart from its inherent value as an exhibit, this group will enhance the collections through its relationship, both by comparison and contrast, to the objects of English silversmith's art, exhibited in an adjoining case, and embracing the same period. It is satisfactory to note that the Board of Education, approving as they do of the selection, will assist your Committee to the extent of paying one-half the cost of purchase.

The authorities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, have changed their annual loan collection. The present loan, which has been much appreciated by visitors, is contained in four show-cases, and consists of the following :—

1. Examples of cloisonné and champlevé enamel on metal, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, and Persian ; and a few early Japanese bronzes, together with some modern examples showing various kinds of patina and incrustation.
2. Examples of modern French and English bronzes, by Lord Leighton of Stretton, P.R.A., Sir J. E. Boehm, Bart., R.A., A. L. Barye, and others.
3. Examples of Chinese and Japanese pottery and porcelain.
4. Examples of early enamelled earthenware, Rouen, Moustiers, Nuremberg, Nevers, and of Dutch and Palissy ware ; also of Creussen, Limburg, Nassau, and Roeren stoneware, late 16th and 17th century.

In addition to these, the following pictures, from the galleries of the Victoria and Albert Museum have been included in the loan :—

1. "Coast View, Gulf of Lyons," by G. E. Libert.
2. "Mountain Stream," by G. E. Libert.

3. "Landscape amongst the Rushes," by E. J. Niemann.
4. "Jacob and Rachel at the Well," School of Nicholas Poussin.
5. "The Village Turner," by J. Hornung.
6. "Hercules and the Nemean Lion," after Rubens.

For the loan of the following pictures during the year, your Committee and the public have alike been indebted to the owners, whose kindness has been much appreciated :—

The Birmingham City Art Gallery Committee, "The Infant School," by Jean Geoffroy.

The Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton, "The Manchester Ship Canal," by B. W. Leader, R.A.

Lees Knowles, Esq., M.P., "The Death of General Wolfe," by James Barry, R.A.

The Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, "Morning," by Arnesby Brown, one of the pictures purchased in 1901, under the terms of the Chantrey Bequest.

The complement of free-standing show-cases in Room C, has been made up by the addition of four. Three of these are at present devoted to the exhibition of objects illustrative of Egyptian culture, about 2,400 B.C. to 200 A.D., which are for the first time adequately shown in the galleries.

It is to be hoped that, by completing the wall-casing of this gallery, the present dismembered condition of the newly arranged sections of the ethnographical collections may be altered. When correct consecution of the sections is thus made possible, this interesting science—the Study of Man—will be brought more fully within the grasp of the ordinary Museum visitor, whose interest must then be more fully awakened through the manifest association of groups which are now disjointed and seemingly unrelated.

Examples of European arms of 16th to 18th century have been temporarily placed on exhibition in table-cases in Room D.

Some birds forming part of the British ornithological collection have been replaced by fresh specimens.

The various collections have been preserved in excellent condition, and much good work has been done in the arrangement and labelling of the specimens.

Your Committee note with especial pleasure that during the year a large number of schools have availed themselves of the fact that time profitably spent by scholars under regulations in a Museum is to be reckoned as official attendance at school.

Among the associations who visited the institution during the past year were the British Medical Association, the Sanitary Institute, and the Victorians of the Manchester Geographical Society.

The fifth edition of the Official Handbook to the Fine Arts Section has been published ; and the sixth will shortly be called for.

Arrangements were made during the Spring for holding an Exhibition of British Pictorial Photography ; and your Committee were fortunate enough to secure the hearty co-operation of Messrs. S. L. Coulthurst, James Higson, and F. W. Parrott, gentlemen well known as leaders among amateur photographers.

On 16th May the Exhibition was opened by the Mayor, and it is gratifying to record the fact that the two hundred and fifty photo-pictures hung on the walls, represented some of the best work in the Kingdom. The Exhibition was greatly appreciated by photographers from all parts of the country.

At this point, opportunity may be taken once again to note the serious want of space in the Museum and Art Galleries. In order to hold this Exhibition it was necessary (1) to transfer to Room B, greatly to the disadvantage of the sculpture and paintings there, the free-standing show-cases from Room A ; (2) to remove from the walls of the latter gallery the pictures, which (3) had to be stored in Room D, necessitating (4) the closing of that room ; also (5) to screen up with timber the whole of the wall cases in Room A, thus (6) depriving the public of the benefit of the collections therein exhibited, during the most crowded months of the year, when about 120,000 persons passed the turnstiles.

The number of visitors during the year has been 173,680, an increase of 37,446 upon the registered attendance in the previous year. This

increase, it is satisfactory to note, is almost uniform throughout the year ; being in the six winter months 25·6 per cent., and in the summer 28·0 per cent. above last year's returns.

MUSEUM PURCHASES.

The following objects have been purchased for the collections :—

- Bone Skates, Romano-British.
- Bone Bronze-pin Sharpeners, Romano-British.
- Musquetoon, Pistol and Flintlock Gun, Persian.
- Spear-thrower, Queensland.
- Three Arrows, New Guinea.
- One Arrow, Torres Straits Islands.
- Bellarmino Jug, Fulham, 1671.

MUSEUM DONATIONS.

Peter Entwistle, Esq.—

- Two Palæolithic Stone Implements, found in Somaliland by Mr. Seton-Karr.

Francis H. Fearon, Esq.—

- Small Drum from Accra.

Manchester Liners, Limited, *per* Sir Richard Mottram—

- Model of s.s. "Manchester Exchange."

A. Ridyard, Esq.—

- Stool from Combo, Bathurst, Gambia.
- Knife and Sheath from Ibba, Dahomey Country.
- Small Drum from Dixcove, Gold Coast.
- Small Country Pot and Cover from Lagos.
- Large Loom with partly woven fabric from Opobo.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

The Reference Library has been enriched by the addition of many works which ought to be of much value and interest to the reading public. Among them are 53 works of history, 47 of biography, 149 science and art, 49 voyages and travels, and the remainder, works of political and social economy, theology, poetry and the drama, and miscellaneous writings.

It is greatly to be regretted that your Committee have not yet been able to make suitable alterations, which would enable them to separate students from readers of newspapers and magazines in the central reading room. Mental concentration is not possible in a general reading-room, and much of the advantage to be derived from books borrowed from the Reference Library is lost for want of such accommodation.

The Reference Library is in a congested state owing to want of storage room for the books. The pressure has been to some extent temporarily relieved by the transference of several volumes of early Specifications of Patents to an unused room in the Albert Park Branch, where they are available for reference. The present building does not admit of any material increase of shelf-accommodation; and until such increase shall be provided, it will be impossible to maintain the order and efficiency that ought to reign in every and especially in our own notable Free Reference Library.

Some periodicals of commercial, scientific, and technical interest, have been added to those already supplied to the Peel Park Reading Room.

At the Greengate Branch a change has been made in the system of heating, which, it is hoped, will not only add to the comfort of readers but improve the health conditions of the Branch.

In the Pendleton Branch a table has been set aside for the use of ladies, and suitable periodicals have been supplied. This new departure is appreciated.

In the upper room of the Albert Park Branch some shelving has been fixed for the accommodation of the volumes (see *ante*) removed from the Reference Library. The book-store at this Branch is excessively overcrowded, and something should now be done to relieve the congestion, which results in damage and misplacement of books, confusion to the staff, and inconvenience to borrowers.

The Weaste Branch is rapidly growing in popularity as a Library, and your Committee are gradually increasing the stock of books there, in order to keep pace with the rate of increase in the reading population of the district.

While the efficiency and usefulness of all the Libraries have been well

maintained, your Committee regret that, owing to severe limitation in funds, they have been compelled to postpone many desirable improvements, which they had hoped to effect in the interests of readers, and for the benefit of frequenters of the various Libraries and Reading Rooms throughout the Borough.

Establishment charges are more or less fixed ; and it is, therefore, manifest that an increased income would add to the power of improving the Libraries to a degree that would be out of all proportion to that increase. Until, however, there be a prospect of a diminution in the rates, your Committee fear that such improvements will have to be postponed.

The total number of volumes acquired for the Libraries during the year has been 3,388, made up of 2,897 new books, and 491 replacements of worn-out volumes.

Some books in Braille type, for sightless readers, have been added to the Lending Library at Peel Park, and arrangements have been made for blind persons residing at a distance to borrow through the Branches, without the necessity of going to Peel Park for that purpose.

The Portmote Records of the Borough, Town, and Royal Manor of Salford (1597 to 1669), have been transcribed and edited by the Chairman of the Committee, Alderman J. G. de T. Mandley, and are about to be published in two volumes (of which the first has been issued) by the Chetham Society. The original Records have been carefully repaired and bound, and the volume is now preserved in the Reference Library.

Increases in the number of active borrowers of books for home reading, this year as compared with last, are shown in Greengate, 42 ; in Regent Road, 12 ; Pendleton, 10 ; Weaste, 176 ; and the Height (opened, 1901), 365 ; while decreases are marked by 119 in Albert Park, and 23 in Peel Park ; 463 indicating thus the net total increase in the number of borrowers.

A comparison of this year's figures with those of last shows that there is a net increase of 2,368 volumes in the Libraries' stock ; an increase of 19,618 in the number of books used in the Reading Rooms ; an increase of 108,708 in the number of persons using the Reading Rooms ; and an increase of 20,284 in the number of books issued for home reading.

The turn-over of the stock of books, or average number of times each book has been issued for home reading, from each of the Lending Libraries has been as follows :—Greengate, 2·6 ; Peel Park, 2·9 ; Regent Road, 4·5 ; Pendleton, 4·5 ; Albert Park, 7·9 ; The Height, 9·2 ; and 11·3 at Weaste. This indicates the need for a greater number of books at Weaste, The Height, and Albert Park Branches.

The following statement shows in a simple and direct manner how closely associated with the life of the Borough are the Institutions placed under the control of your Committee.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries.....	173,680
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	269,241
3.—No. of Issues of Books to the Reading Rooms	214,177
4.—No. of Readers of Magazines and Newspapers	1,115,623
Total	<u>1,772,721</u>

An increase is observable in each item of the above statement as compared with last year's figures. In No. 1 the increase is 37,446 ; in No. 2, 20,284 ; in No. 3, 19,618 ; and in No. 4, 108,708. Your Committee cannot regard this statement without feelings of satisfaction, marking, as it does, a total increase of 186,056 upon the returns of last year, and 327,550 on those of the year preceding.

The following Lectures were delivered under the auspices of your Committee :—

15th October.—J. S. Reid, Esq., a Victorian of the Manchester Geographical Society. “Ancient Egypt, with special reference to the Great Pyramid.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P.

29th October.—Samuel Wells, Esq., F.R.G.S., F.A.I. “A City of Silence : La Grande Chartreuse.”

12th November.—Henry Crowther, Esq., F.R.M.S. “Recent Wanderings in Pompeii.”

26th November.—Charles B. Howdill, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. “Yorkshire Minsters.”

- 10th December.—Rev. G. I. Howson, M.A. “Proverbial Sayings.”
Chairman, Mr. Alderman Benjamin Robinson, J.P.
- 7th January.—Eli Sowerbutts, Esq., F.R.G.S., F.I.Inst., Secretary
of the Manchester Geographical Society. “Sights and Scenes
in North Wales.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Windsor.
- 21st January.—John Penberthy, Esq. “Maoriland : Scenes and
Stories from New Zealand.”
- 4th February.—W. Fitzwater Wray, Esq. “Some English
Villages.”
- 18th February.—Lees Knowles, Esq., M.P. “A Tour with Oxford
and Cambridge Athletes Across the Atlantic.” Chairman, Sir
Richard Mottram.
- 4th March.—Edgar Bellingham, Esq. “The Science and Art of
Photography.”
- 18th March.—Edwin Waters, Esq. “Sherwood Forest and the
Dukeries.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1901-2.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Axon, W. E. A. (the Author)	1
Banuister, John, Salford.....	2
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, <i>per</i> The Curator.....	1
British and Foreign Bible Society	7
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Medical Association, <i>per</i> John Howson Ray, F.R.C.S. ..	9
British Museum, Trustees of the	18
British Museum, Trustees of the, <i>per</i> C. W. Sutton	57
Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.....	1
City and Guilds of London Institute.....	1
Cobden Club	3
Co-operative Union, Limited	1
Deering Harvester Co., Chicago.....	2
Derry, E. (the Author)	1
Dublin University	2
Emigrants' Information Office. (Circulars as published)	

Greenwood, W. N. (the Publisher)	3
Harrison, Edward, Salford	1
Hulton & Co., Ltd., Messrs. E.	1
Hurst, G. H. (the Author).....	1
Jacoby, Gustav (the Author).....	1
Kelly, W. P. (the Author)	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	4
Layton, C. and E. (the Publishers)	1

Libraries.—Recent Catalogues, Library Journals, and Reports

from the following :—Aberdeen, Arbroath, Aston, Baillie's Institution (Glasgow), Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kidderminster, Kimberley, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek, (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Mitchell Library (Glasgow), Moss Side, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond, Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. George's, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Southampton, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Streatham, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Workington, York.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
London, Corporation of the City of	2
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews...	5
Lubin, David (the Author).....	1
Macmillan & Co., Messrs. (the Publishers)	2
Manchester Certified Industrial Schools	1
Manchester Corporation	7
Manchester Geological Society ..	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	1
Manchester Museum, Owens College.....	4
Manchester Provident Dispensaries Association	1
Manchester Statistical Society	3
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs. (the Publishers)	1
Musicians, Incorporated Society of	1
National Reform Union, Manchester.....	12
New South Wales, Agent-General for	2
Owens College, Manchester	1
Patent Office Publications	150
Paul, Alexander	1
Peace Union, London	1

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—

Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend, Awake, Blackpool Herald, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canadian Gazette, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Gleaner, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant, Clerks of Works Journal, Colliery Guardian, Cook's Travellers Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artisan, Deliverer, Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times, Electrician, Foresters' Miscellany, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, London Argus, London Daily Chronicle, Machinery Market, Manchester Courier, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Melia's Magazine, Midland Counties Herald, Mission Field, Monthly Record of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Musical Herald, Nature Notes,

New Church Magazine, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Magazine, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printer's Engineer, Property List, Son of Temperance, Textile Recorder, Tool and Machinery Register, Travel, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Weekly Dispatch, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Perry & Co., Ltd.. Messrs. W. (the Publishers)	1
Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued):—Caledonian, Cambrian, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Northern (Ireland), Great Southern and Western (Ireland), Great Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Chatham, and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, Midland Great Western (Ireland), North British, North Eastern, South Eastern.	
Royal Dublin Society.....	2
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal National Life-Boat Institution.....	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	5
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	1
Salford Corporation.....	5
Salford Royal Hospital	2
Sanitary Institute	1
Sell, H. (the Publisher)	1
Shee, G. F. (the Author)	1
Smada, Auguste (the Author)	1
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.....	2
Steel, Richard (the Author)	1
United States, Bureau of Ethnology	1
University Correspondence College	2
Washington, Commissioner of Education	2
Washington, Library of Congress	4
Washington, National Academy of Sciences	1

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1902.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850	16000	129	1240	Museum opened in April.
1851	276500	188	1465	Museum enlarged.
1852	303140	200	1515	Museum collections increased.
1853	67225	66	1018	Museum closed nine months.
1854	330274	217	1520	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1855	448220	260	1720	Museum enlarged.
1856	580069	241	2408	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1857	888830	279	3508	Local Artists' First Exhibition.
1858	538444	265	2032	Summer Exhibition.
1859	683575	268	2550	Exhibition of Paintings.
1860	588770	264	2230	Exhibition of Paintings.
1861	600120	277	2166	Travelling Museum of S. K. M.
1862	767700	260	2568	Exhibition of Paintings.
1863	454400	214	2123	Exhibition of Paintings.
1864	620370	262	2370	Summer Exhibition.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Second Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	{ Local Artists' Third Exhibition. { Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
1896	132021	285	463	First permanently opened on Sundays.
1897	149812	317	472	
1898	151058	313	482	
1899	128332	306	419	
1900	132737	310	428	
1901	136234	307	443	
1902	173680	311	558	
53 Years.	20,993,635	13,550	1,549	

* Registering Turnstiles first erected

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1901-1902.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	2333	4	1110	25	3443	3443	111	277	137
December	21	2451	5	748	26	3199	6942	116	149	123
January	22	3286	4	1027	26	4313	10955	149	256	165
February	20	2626	4	1293	24	3919	14874	131	323	163
March	22	8595	5	4088	27	12663	27537	390	813	469
April	22	8515	4	4707	26	13222	40759	387	1176	508
May	23	25260	4	5911	27	31171	71930	1098	1477	1154
June	21	15373	5	6495	26	21868	93798	732	1299	841
July	23	13744	4	4693	27	18437	112235	597	1173	682
August	21	28175	5	3474	26	31649	143884	1311	694	1217
September	21	13177	4	3537	25	16714	160398	627	884	668
October	22	8634	4	4448	26	13082	173680	392	1112	503
Totals, &c.	259	132169	52	41511	311	173680	173680	510	798	558

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.
3309	3892		7823

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
1348	3892	2777	2293	913	3134	3498	17855

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	52	17717	1485	19202	369	5097	98
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	52	19350	3	19353	372	1832	35
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	52	16195	31	16226	312	5548	106
PENDLETON BRANCH ...	52	5703	27	5730	110	124	2
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	4287	446	4733	91	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS ..	52	3958	546	4504	86	...	...
WASTE BRANCH	52	5054	1263	6317	121	556	10
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	3036	956	3992	76	55	1
Totals.....	...	75300	4757	80057	1537	13212	252

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	233	241	93	38	27	31	119	126	97	321	304	245	66	48	663	1266
Greengate Branch...	191	140	75	27	23	..	84	143	44	185	284	3	147	22	456	929
Regent Road Branch	237	278	138	57	46	16	154	198	110	310	561	201	1	9	772	1594
Pendleton Branch...	224	211	105	52	28	45	134	174	75	282	19	638	...	8	665	1403
Albert Park Branch.	334	340	150	86	79	144	249	111	146	627	1	...	1090	42	1133	2279
Weaste Branch	70	83	69	18	21	16	32	48	47	150	...	277	...	...	277	578
Irlands o'th' Height Branch	73	139	72	31	25	29	15	43	104	207	1	302	1	65	369	1122
Totals	1362	1432	702	309	249	281	787	843	623	2082	1170	1666	1305	194	4335	9171

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GRENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1880.)	CHARLES'WN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLAM'S OTH' HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)									
1850 to 1880.....	1713707	1526269	1001782	839239	199049	...	...	...	...	5280046	1851
1880-1.....	49629	65810	89045	111829	76561	...	...	...	...	392874	87533
1881-2.....	50731	64475	76215	103462	70482	...	...	...	...	365365	...
1882-3.....	49596	41503	70333	99316	78411	...	...	...	...	339159	...
1883-4.....	43637	41863	66954	94503	75166	...	...	...	...	322123	...
1884-5.....	46522	42384	63220	91426	76149	...	...	...	...	319701	1861
1885-6.....	55193	43414	69541	96356	88985	...	...	...	...	353489	102449
1886-7.....	56655	31222	67377	85948	93803	...	...	...	...	335005	...
1887-8.....	52167	30094	71922	94063	101999	...	...	...	...	350245	...
1888-9.....	48504	26949	63031	95769	88088	...	...	...	...	322401	1871
1889-90.....	56073	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	317585	124805
1890-1.....	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	329598	...
1891-2.....	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	407767	...
1892-3.....	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	406126	...
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	...	432728	1881
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	435867	176228
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	...	419951	...
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	414791	...
1897-8.....	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	390266	...
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	379007	1891
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	374875	198717
1900-1.....	61671	34678	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	28957	443516	...
1901-2.....	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	55803	453418	...
Totals.....	2,969,143	2,300,193	2,316,156	2,806,538	1,908,225	1,114,467	...	116,421	84760	13,615,903	1901 221,015
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1901-2 ..	5,269,336		232,290	217,072	92,376	98,652	86,928	189,265	28,379	1,115,623	

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1473	Blue Bks. {6252 1210}	1121	10351	3533	1891	2571	3166	3233	277	...	35078
Lending, Peel Park	246	163	171	912	866	882	755	688	404	5861	274	11222
Greengate Branch	243	188	195	969	840	881	637	774	1209	5561	...	11497
Regent Road Branch ...	299	126	279	976	602	841	758	755	489	4338	...	9463
Pendleton Branch	183	90	269	891	515	560	564	547	757	4585	...	8961
Albert Park Branch.....	212	89	129	513	230	339	314	386	705	5054	..	7971
Wearside Branch	37	26	101	190	82	153	140	150	320	774	...	1973
Irmas o'th Height Branch	66	52	118	311	124	276	262	172	32	2561	...	3974
Totals.....	2759	8196	2383	15113	6792	5823	6001	6638	7149	29011	274	90139

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES	Theology.	Political and Social Economy	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park.....	1287	1171	1471	4592	1483	1452	32121	19522	1197	64296	208	308	170661	554
Greengate Branch	332	124	76	858	178	556	6529	15892	2006	26551	86	307	232290	756
Regent Road Branch	151	289	146	875	163	885	645	25710	2202	31066	101	307	217072	707
Pendleton Branch	2	20	22	72	26	99	96	18605	1114	20056	65	307	92376	300
Albert Park Branch	12	5	10	95	20	21	7134	18412	163	25872	84	308	98652	320
Charlestown Reading-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	86928	283
Waste Branch	53	61	52	184	148	102	13161	12940	450	27151	88	307	189265	616
Irms o'th' Height Br'ch.	5	7	12	57	11	43	81	18426	543	19185	62	307	28379	92
Totals	1842	1677	1789	6733	2029	3158	59707	129507	7675	214177	694	...	1115623	3628

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction	Totals.	Daily Average Issues	Days Open.
Peel Park.....	136	115	20	1541	369	1120	508	1114	28316	33439	114	293
Greengate Branch	82	83	101	985	275	848	351	842	26833	30400	101	299
Regent Road Branch	303	132	279	1154	716	1440	703	1276	36815	42818	145	295
Pendleton Branch	92	71	244	1059	720	962	407	1566	35375	40496	135	298
Albert Park Branch	366	102	317	1317	711	1432	688	1961	56198	63092	213	295
Waste Branch	276	198	239	1018	614	1096	535	6259	12143	22378	72	307
Irms o'th' Height Br'ch.	75	98	151	688	268	885	374	286	33793	36618	123	297
Totals	1330	799	1551	7762	3673	7783	3566	13304	229473	269241	903	...

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, SEEDLEY, ALBERT, AND ORDSALL PARKS.

The whole of the parks have been maintained in good condition throughout the year.

A very noticeable improvement has been made in the parks by the continuous planting of young trees and shrubs, and asphaltting of many of the principal walks. The grass playgrounds have been also maintained in excellent condition, and they appear to be highly appreciated by the children and other visitors.

Owing to the unseasonable weather during the spring and summer, the display of tulips and bedding-out plants was not quite as good as in former years; on the other hand, the trees and shrubs have grown and flourished exceptionally well.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND FOR CHILDREN.

The popularity of this recreation ground continues to increase, the small lake affording great pleasure to a large number of young people who are interested in the sailing of model yachts, hence it is very desirable that the lake should be enlarged so as to afford increased accommodation for this pastime.

THE CRESCENT LAND.

A portion of this land is still extensively used by a large number of men and boys for playing cricket and football, and on the remaining part of the land the work of raising the ground level above flood line is proceeding satisfactorily.

LAND ADJOINING THE LIBRARY AT IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT.

The laying of the bowling green and the construction of a bowlhouse on the above land, together with the necessary walks and the planting of trees and shrubs, have been completed during the year, and the bowling green was opened for public use on the 23rd July last.

BUILE HILL.

This estate has been acquired for park purposes at a cost of £20,000, but in order to adapt the same for the use of the public a further expenditure of £7,000 was found to be necessary. Application therefore was made to the Local Government Board for authorisation to borrow the sum of £27,000. The sanction of the Board was granted in September last, and the work of forming the roads, &c., has been commenced.

COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The Twenty-first Annual Exhibition was held in Peel Park on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th of August last, and it is satisfactory to again be able to report that the show was an unqualified success.

The number of plants sold to cottagers and others was 7,603, against 7,207 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes was £74 2s. 6d., against £71 7s. 6d. last year, and the attendance of visitors was 18,548, against 17,780 last year.

The Mayor (Mr. Alderman Rudman), who was accompanied by the Mayoress, opened the Exhibition, and he was supported by the Chairman and Members of the Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee, the Chairman of the Parks Sub-Committee, and a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen who were interested in the Exhibition.

The work of deciding upon the merits of the plants and other exhibits was placed in the hands of competent judges, most of whom had acted in that capacity on many previous occasions, and they pronounced the exhibits to be of exceptional excellence. The special prizes given by the Mayor, value £2, and by Mr. Charles J. Heywood, of £2 2s., stimulated a very keen competition in the special groups to which those prizes were allocated.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the bowling greens have been maintained in excellent condition, and though the season was very unfavourable for this pastime there was an increase of 3,240 in the number of persons using the greens during the summer. That increase is mostly accounted for by the opening

of the new bowling greens at Ordsall Park and Irlams o' th' Height. There is still a demand for another green at Seedley Park, and also for one at Great Cheetham Street East Recreation Ground.

The total receipts from the seven bowling greens during the past year were as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Peel Park	40	1	8
Seedley Park.....	55	11	8
Albert Park	54	15	2
Ordsall Park (two greens).....	70	6	0
Charlestown Recreation Ground	38	8	8
Irlams o' th' Height	12	14	4
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	£271	17	6
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Against £244 17s. 6d. last year.

The total number of players who used the bowling greens during the summer was 32,625, as against 29,385 last year.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There have been 77 band performances during the summer, 44 having been given in the parks and 33 in the playgrounds.

The attendances at the performances in the parks were again largely in excess of those in the playgrounds.

Three of the new band stands have been in use during the past summer, and have greatly added to the comfort of the bandsmen and to the pleasure of the audiences.

The following bands were engaged at a cost of £192 4s.:—

- Salford Police Band.
- Pendleton Public Band.
- Pendleton Old Prize Band.
- Irwell Street Mission Prize Band.
- South Salford Silver Band.
- Broughton Victoria Prize Band.
- Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Brass Band.

GENERALLY.

The principal work done in the parks and playgrounds is included in the following summary, namely :—

PEEL PARK.

The building of the new bandstand has been completed.

The statues of “Peel” and “Brotherton” have been cleaned and relacquered, and the whole of the remaining statuary has been cleaned and repaired.

90 yards of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch water pipe have been laid to the bowlhouse.

3,000 sup. sq. yds. of asphalt walks have been tarred and sparred over.

Two trees were planted to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII., one by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Rudman), and one by Mr. Alderman Mandley, and very considerable repairs and painting have been done to the greenhouses.

SEEDLEY PARK.

3,000 sup. sq. yds. of asphalt walks have been tarred and sparred over, and a new flag pole fixed.

ALBERT PARK.

A bandstand has been built, and considerable alterations made in the walks around it ; 2,000 sup. sq. yds. of new asphalt have been laid, and the central walk through the park is now completed.

A new flag pole has been erected, and the outside of the lodge has been painted.

ORDSALL PARK.

A bandstand has been built, and the old bowlhouse has been taken down and a new bowlhouse and shelter built between the two bowling greens, and a flight of stone steps fixed in the bank of the old green for the convenience of the bowlers.

70 yards of 3-inch water main have been laid, and a hydrant fixed for the new green.

100 yards of new 4-inch drain pipe have been laid, the whole length of the inside of the boundary wall has been pointed, a new flag pole has been erected, and the outside of the lodge painted.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

The whole length of the boundary wall has been pointed ; the lodge has been thoroughly repaired and another small room added.

GROSVENOR SQUARE.

128 yards of the inner fence have been replaced with new fence ; this completes the refencing of this recreation ground.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

The lodge and shelters have been painted, and both sides of the whole length of the boundary wall have been repointed.

GREAT CHEETHAM STREET EAST RECREATION GROUND.

The defective brickwork of the conveniences for both sexes has been taken down and rebuilt.

SANATORIUM NURSERY GROUND.

The whole stock of trees and shrubs are in excellent condition, having been replanted and regulated.

KERSAL MOOR.

This recreation ground continues to attract a large number of visitors, especially during the summer months, and the band performances were highly appreciated.

J. G. MANDLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Royal Museum,

Peel Park,

31st October, 1902.

MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1902-1903.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman W. Stephens, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Rudman, J.P.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P. *

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Councillor Worsley.

Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.	Mr. Councillor Cruickshank.
„ „ Phillips, J.P. †	„ „ Robinson.
„ „ B. Robinson, J.P.	„ „ Sackville.
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LIBRARIES.

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REPORT OF THE MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Annual Report for the year ended 31st October, 1903. This constitutes the fifty-fifth report of the series.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

During the year a considerable amount of work has been done. The collection of old English pottery, comprising many rare and valuable pieces, has been re-arranged, and descriptive labels have been prepared and printed. The Continental pottery and majolica, and the Oriental pottery and porcelain collections have also been set up. Among the additions to this section is an example of Wedgwood's basalt reproduction of the famous Portland Vase in the British Museum, also an example of rare old Leeds lustre ware, and many facsimile reproductions of noted pieces of early Italian majolica, Hispano-Moresque and other wares. In the ceramic collections are some original specimens of Urbino, Castel Durante, Monte Lupo, and other early majolicas, and many of the facsimile reproductions are so strikingly exact as almost to be mistaken by a visitor for original pieces.

During the year your Committee have been able to exhibit an interesting collection of embroideries, lent by the authorities at the Victoria and Albert Museum, who subsequently lent their second circulating collection of water-colour drawings, illustrating the history of the English art of water-colour drawing, and containing within itself numerous charming examples of that art.

To the collections which illustrate the silversmith's art, and early art in metalwork, have been added some typical electrotype examples of Scythian gold work, IV. century; and Irish metalwork, VIII. to XII. century, A.D. Printed descriptive labels have been prepared and placed with these objects.

Some of the paintings in the Galleries have been varnished, three have been placed upon new canvasses, and several have been carefully cleaned.

Two oil-paintings have been added by purchase to the permanent collections in the Langworthy Gallery. They are "The Thames from Windsor Castle," by Frederick Goodall, R.A., and "Dittisham on the Dart," by Stuart Lloyd, R.B.A.

At the request of your Committee, the Committee of the Leeds City Art Gallery have kindly lent for exhibition the well-known picture, "The Seal Diver," by W. H. Bartlett, R.I.

In their turn the Salford Art Galleries Committee have been pleased to oblige other towns. For the inauguration of Towneley Hall as a Museum and Art Gallery, the portrait of the late Bishop Fraser, by Miss E. Chaese; "The Runaway Horse," by Thomas Faed, R.A.; and "The Volunteer for the Lifeboat," by Mrs. Webb-Robinson, were lent to the Burnley Corporation; and to the Rochdale Corporation were lent the portrait of "Lawrence Sterne," by Thomas Gainsborough, R.A.; and "The Queen of the Tournaments," by Philip H. Calderon, R.A.

The Handbook to the Fine Arts section has run to its sixth edition (new series) which was published in the summer.

Considerable work has been done in the Ethnographical section, to which many important and informative specimens have been added both by purchase and gift. Some of the collections have been overhauled and re-arranged. The section has been temporarily enriched by some pottery, a mummy and other interesting objects from Peru (pre-Spanish) lent by Miss S. J. Smithies.

The entire Ornithological, Mineralogical, and Geological collections have been cleaned and set up, and further specimens added. Attention is now being paid to the Conchological section.

The want of a gallery for the holding of occasional exhibitions is much felt by your Committee. As at present circumstanced, when such an exhibition is held, some important section of the permanent collections has to be hidden or placed in store. As a result, many thousands of visitors are deprived of all advantage to be derived from those collections, and the value of the permanent collections is largely discounted in the impression of the institution with which they go away.

In regard to the attendance of visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries during the winter months, a striking increase of 37 per cent. over that of last year is observed. This is noted with satisfaction for the reason that at that time of year the attendance may be regarded as being altogether that of residents in the town and its immediate neighbourhood.

MUSEUM DONATIONS.

Frank Falkner, Esq.—

Goblet, two-handled, early Leeds lustre ware.

Alfred Shaw, Esq., for Mayson Recognition Committee—

“Coronation” Violin, by Walter H. Mayson, of Manchester.

Arnold Ridyard, Esq.—

Three Cloths from Opobo, West Africa, woven on native loom
similar to that presented by Mr. Ridyard in 1901.

Brass Jug, West Africa.

Calabash, from Bissoo, West Africa.

Grass Cap, from Nigeria.

Photograph, Native Blacksmiths at Bonny.

W. D. Webster, Esq.—

Small Cannon, Chinese.

Scaling Ladder, Chinese.

William Shawcross, Esq.—

Twelve Poisoned Arrows, from north-east district near Lake
Tchad, Central Africa.

J. Jones, Esq.—

Six small Roman Coins, found in excavations at Cirencester.

MUSEUM PURCHASES.

Ethnographical specimens, various.

Pecopteris, Carboniferous.

Cylindrical Seals and Clay Tablet, Ancient Assyrian.

Oil Painting—"Dittisham on the Dart," by Stuart Lloyd, R.B.A.

Rare Club, Marquisas Islands.

Oil Painting—"The Thames, from Windsor Castle," by Frederick Goodall, R.A.

Electrotype reproductions of early Scythian and Byzantine gold objects.

Electrotype reproductions of early Irish metalwork.

Facsimile reproductions of early Italian majolica and Hispano-Moresque wares.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

In connection with the Reference Library the service of books has been facilitated, and the use of them by borrowers encouraged, by means of some structural alterations. The principal of these is the provision of a screen which cuts off portion of the Reading Room for the use of students and readers of books borrowed from the library. Each reader is, in addition, provided with a comfortable chair. The other portion of the room is reserved for magazine and newspaper readers. Stands for six additional newspapers have been provided, and suitable arrangements made for the constant exhibition of all recent additions to the library stock.

A type-written catalogue of additions to the Reference Library, during the years 1892—1902, has been prepared in two volumes, the entries being arranged in alphabetical sequence, giving author, title and subject.

In order to help the public to obtain a better knowledge of the contents of the library, and to encourage a more extensive use of the books, a special exhibition of the principal works added during recent years was held in the summer, when readers were permitted freely to examine the books. Many persons availed themselves of this privilege, and the circulation of some important works has been thereby increased.

A copy of the valuable work, "Turner," by Sir William Armstrong, a work which had gone out of print before publication, has been presented to the Reference Library by Mr. George W. Agnew, who has, with other members of his family, on many former occasions shown a very practical sympathy with the work of your Committee.

A great improvement in the comfort and healthiness of the Greengate Branch has been effected, by the conversion of the hot-air system of heating to one of heating by means of water-pipes. This Branch and those in Regent Road and Pendleton have been beautified.

At the Albert Park Branch a much needed extension of the book-store has been made by connecting it with the room above by means of a spiral stairs, and fitting the latter room with book-stands.

In view of the increase in the number of residents in the Weaste district, your Committee have during recent years been gradually changing the Reading Room at Cemetery Road into a Lending Library by steadily accumulating there a number of books. The number has grown to such an extent that the use of that Branch as a delivery station of the Regent Road Branch has been discontinued. It has been found necessary to increase the shelf accommodation, and the Weaste Branch, with close upon 2,600 volumes, now takes its place definitely among the Lending Libraries of the Borough.

Your Committee have tried to add to the usefulness of the Public Hall, adjoining the Irlams o' th' Height Branch, by purchasing a good piano for use at concerts and dances, and have also added to the furniture a dozen ample tables for tea parties and other entertainments.

As far as possible, with the amount placed in the Estimates at the disposal of your Committee, the efficiency of the Libraries and Reading Rooms has been maintained, and their usefulness to the public increased. Additional periodicals have been added to the tables; new books, chosen in regard to the requirements of all sections of the people, have been added to the shelves to the number of 2,230, including 329 replacements; while 2,120 books which have served their purpose in the Libraries have been discarded, and distributed among public institutions in the Borough.

The system by which all newly added books may be freely examined by the public during one week before they are put into circulation has been greatly appreciated by borrowers, who thereby become familiar with all recent additions as they are acquired.

Your Committee would like to draw attention to the exhibition of books and of special lists of books at each Library, books dealing with subjects of general or particular interest—for example with “The Fiscal Question,” “The Far East,” with public lectures delivered in the neighbourhood, &c. It is to be hoped that these lists will assist and encourage the public to make a freer and more intelligent use of the books on the shelves of the Public Libraries of Salford.

Your Committee observe with satisfaction that, in spite of the fact that for some weeks three of the Branch Libraries were closed for beautifying, yet an increase of 6,879 is recorded in the number of books lent for home reading, and an increase of 1,346 in the issues of books for use in the Reading Rooms, while an increase is also shown in the attendance of newspaper and magazine readers. There is an increase of no less than 529 in the number of new borrowers over that recorded last year, and the total number of active borrowers is considerably larger than was shown by the rolls 12 months ago.

Incorporated with this report is a list which shows the occupations of persons enrolled during the year as borrowers of books for home use.

The following abstract from the tabulated returns is of interest :—

1.—No of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries.....	153,721
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading	276,120
3.—No of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms..	215,523
4.— No. of Readers of Newspapers and Magazines.....	1,115,422
Total.....	<u>1,760,786</u>

The following Lectures were delivered under the auspices of your Committee :—

14th October.—J. Howard Reed, Esq. (Hon. Secretary Manchester Geographical Society). “From England to Japan.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Mandley, J.P.

28th October.—G. E. Thompson, Esq., F.R.G.S. “A Month in Jamaica.”

11th November.—Thomas London, Esq. “Ants and their Ways.”

25th November.—Rev. T. F. Nicholas, M.A., F.R.G.S. “The Glories of Northern Italy.”

2nd December.—Walker R. Yardley, Esq., L.C.P. (President of the Birkenhead Shakespeare Society). “Life and Times of Shakespeare.”

6th January.—Edgar Bellingham, Esq. “Caravan and Camera.”
(A Gipsy Holiday in the Land of the Lancashire Witches).

20th January.—Rev. Charles Harris, M.A. “Old English Customs.”

3rd February.—Samuel Wells, Esq., F.R.G.S. “The Deserts of Southern France.”

17th February.—A. E. Thompson, Esq. (Member of the Microscopical Society). “Glimpses into Nature.”

3rd March—Henry Guppy, Esq., M.A. (Librarian of the John Rylands Library). “The Origin and Development of Printing to the end of the 15th Century.”

17th March.—Mr. Alfred Rogers. “Yorkshire: Its Beauties and Antiquities.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1902-3.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Society of, London.....	1
Agnew, G. W., <i>per</i> Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.	1
Axon, W. E. A., LL.D.	1
Bailey, Sir W. H.	1
Birch, S., LL.D., F.S.A.....	1
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	14

Cape Colony, Government of	1
Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.....	1
City and Guilds of London Institute.....	1
Civil and Mechanical Engineers Society	1
Cobden Club	1
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester.....	1
Durham University.....	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Folkard, H. T., F.S.A., Chief Librarian, Public Library, Wigan	1
Greenwood, W. N.	2
Heywood, John	1
Hollinsworth, C. B.....	7
India, Secretary of State for	1
Jacoby, Gustav	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	4
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Baillie's Institution (Glasgow), Barrow- in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yar- mouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kidderminster, Kimberley, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Mitchell Library (Glasgow), Moss Side, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nicholson Institute (Leek), Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury,	

Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. George's, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Southampton, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

Liverpool Public Libraries, Museum, and Arts Committee, <i>per</i> Peter Cowell, F.R.H.S., Chief Librarian	1
London, Corporation of the City of	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews...	5
Lord's Day Observance Society	1
Lucas, L. A.	7
Macmillan & Co.....	10
Manchester Corporation	7
Manchester Geological Society	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	2
Manchester Museum, Owens College..	2
Manchester Statistical Society	3
Natal, Agent-General for	1
New South Wales, Agent-General for	3
Owens College, Manchester	1
Patent Office Publications.....	187

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors:—
Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend, Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Bible Society Gleanings, Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Broughton P.S.A. Leader, Canadian Gazette, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Gleaner, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Mission-

ary Juvenile Instructor, Church Weekly, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, Clerks of Works Journal, Colliery Guardian, Cook's Traveller's Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artisan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times, Electrician, Facts, Food and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Ladies League Gazette, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London Argus, London Daily Chronicle, Machinery Market, Manchester Courier, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Mission Field, Monthly Record of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Musical Herald, Nature Notes, New Church Magazine, Our Western Empire, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Magazine, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printer's Engineer, Property List, Public Health Engineer, Son of Temperance, Sunday Companion, Textile Journal, Textile Recorder, Tool and Machinery Register, Travel, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Weekly Dispatch, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Procter, Very Rev. Father J. 1

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued):—Caledonian, Cambrian, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Northern (Ireland), Great Southern and Western (Ireland), Great Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North Western, London and South Western, London, Chatham, and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, Midland Great Western (Ireland), North British, North Eastern, South Eastern.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Royal Dublin Society.....	2
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal National Life-Boat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	5
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	1
Salford Corporation.....	49
Salford Royal Hospital	2
Sell, H.	1
Sherratt and Hughes	1
Shuttleworth, Miss J. E. K.	1
Smithsonian Institution.....	3
Southport Corporation	9
United States Bureau of American Ethnology	3
United States, Commissioner of Education for the	1
United States National Academy of Sciences	1
United States National Museum	3
University Correspondence College	3
Washington, Library of Congress	9

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1903.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850	16000	129	1240	Museum opened in April.
1851	276500	188	1465	Museum enlarged.
1852	303140	200	1515	Museum collections increased.
1853	67225	66	1018	Museum closed nine months.
1854	330274	217	1520	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1855	448220	260	1720	Museum enlarged.
1856	580069	241	2408	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1857	888830	279	3508	Local Artists' First Exhibition.
1858	538444	265	2032	Summer Exhibition.
1859	683575	268	2550	Exhibition of Paintings.
1860	588770	264	2230	Exhibition of Paintings.
1861	600120	277	2166	Travelling Museum of S. K. M.
1862	767700	260	2568	Exhibition of Paintings.
1863	454400	214	2123	Exhibition of Paintings.
1864	620370	262	2370	Summer Exhibition.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Second Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	{ Local Artists' Third Exhibition.
1879	381000	260	1465	{ Langworthy Gallery opened.
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water-colours.
54 Years.	21,147,356	13,861	1,525	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1902-1903.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	3830	5	2413	26	6243	6243	182	482	240
December	23	2982	4	858	27	3840	10083	129	214	142
January	22	3408	4	1769	26	5177	13260	154	442	199
February	17	3067	4	2072	21	5139	20399	180	518	244
March	22	4800	5	4891	27	9691	30090	218	978	358
April	22	13439	4	4518	26	17957	48047	610	1129	690
May	21	6158	5	4416	26	10574	58621	293	883	406
June	23	24959	4	4776	27	29735	88556	1085	1194	1101
July	22	12411	4	4034	26	16445	104801	564	1008	632
August	22	22309	5	4364	27	26733	131534	1016	872	990
September	22	11314	4	2900	26	14214	145748	514	725	546
October	22	5713	4	2260	26	7973	153721	259	565	306
Totals, &c.	259	114450	52	39271	311	153721	153721	441	755	494

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
3594	3697		6184	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
1044	3697	2039	2133	1841	2404	3146	16304

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	52	17319	1441	18760	360	5392	103
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	50	18778	...	18778	375	2043	40
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	52	20872	...	20872	401	5533	106
PENDLETON BRANCH.....	50	6201	106	6307	126	136	2
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	3985	440	4425	85	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS..	52	3800	412	4212	81	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	52	4051	1056	5107	98	199	3
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	3537	1343	4880	93	61	1
Totals.....	...	78543	4798	83341	1619	13364	255

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1216	Blue Bks. {6752 1279}	1127	10095	3557	1946	2611	3212	3361	277	..	35433
Lending, Peel Park	254	172	177	950	881	899	775	698	416	5974	274	11470
Greengate Branch	240	184	196	970	846	890	640	751	796	4047	..	9560
Regent Road Branch ...	304	133	280	935	584	848	751	768	504	4263	..	9370
Pendleton Branch	184	95	273	935	521	567	575	556	780	4666	..	9152
Albert Park Branch	215	94	135	522	244	346	321	399	733	5138	..	8147
Wearside Branch	50	32	108	225	96	175	158	167	370	1162	..	2543
Irms o'th' Height Branch	74	58	126	336	146	284	279	193	75	2674	..	4245
Totals.....	2537	8799	2422	14968	6875	5955	6110	6744	7035	28201	274	89920

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS O' TH HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)									
1850 to 1880...	1713707	1526269	1001782	839239	199049	...	...	...	...	5280046	1851
1880-1.....	49629	65810	89045	111829	70561	...	...	...	...	392874	87523
1881-2.....	50731	64475	76215	103462	70482	...	...	...	...	365365	
1882-3.....	49596	41503	70333	99316	78411	...	...	...	...	339159	
1883-4.....	43637	41863	66954	94503	75166	...	...	...	...	322123	1861
1884-5.....	46522	42384	63220	91426	76149	...	...	...	...	319701	102449
1885-6.....	55193	43414	69541	96356	88985	...	...	...	...	353489	
1886-7.....	56655	31222	67377	85948	93803	...	...	...	...	335005	
1887-8.....	52167	30094	71922	94063	101999	...	...	...	...	350245	
1888-9.....	48504	26949	63031	95769	88088	...	...	...	...	322401	1871
1889-90.....	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	317585	121801
1890-1.....	57019	25058	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	406126	
1891-2.....	61194	26161	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	407767	
1892-3.....	65924	30440	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	432728	1881
1893-4.....	61844	30440	53931	94303	79987	111501	...	...	...	435867	176235
1894-5.....	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	...	...	419951	
1895-6.....	63262	30393	50257	88018	106787	106787	...	...	...	414791	
1896-7.....	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	...	...	390266	
1897-8.....	67259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	...	...	379007	1891
1898-9.....	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	...	...	374875	198139
1899-00.....	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	...	...	443516	
1900-1.....	61671	34678	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	...	...	483418	
1901-2.....	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	...	...	491643	1901
1902-3.....	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	...	...	...	57237	220,957
Totals	3,033,680	2,333,472	2,372,064	2,885,145	1,965,875	1,201,119	...	174,194	141,997	14,107,546	
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1902-3 ..	5,367,152		218,048	207,981	80,173	104,301	89,408	203,332	35,771	1,115,422	

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES	Theology.	Political and Social Economy	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park.....	1497	1175	1680	4708	1538	1259	31890	19448	1322	64537	212	304	176408	580
Greengate Branch	326	192	158	1089	609	1176	6308	13636	2362	25856	87	295	218048	739
Regent Road Branch	179	626	199	1112	198	832	442	24899	1371	29858	99	301	207981	690
Pendleton Branch	16	23	44	137	143	89	137	17838	1574	20001	67	295	80173	271
Albert Park Branch	8	8	11	117	17	14	7326	17444	93	25038	81	307	104301	339
Charleston Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	89408	292
Waste Branch	49	112	56	315	206	138	13364	15857	520	30617	99	307	203332	662
Irlams o'th Height Br'ch.	15	54	31	91	16	62	172	18468	707	19616	63	307	35771	116
Totals	2090	2190	2179	7569	2747	3570	59639	127590	7949	215523	708	...	1115422	3889

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park.....	158	92	218	1659	346	1016	602	878	28310	33279	116	285
Greengate Branch	136	128	115	951	282	790	440	1162	26048	30052	104	287
Regent Road Branch	321	189	288	1176	739	1193	709	1467	42667	48749	167	291
Pendleton Branch	138	98	211	1230	645	1091	500	1341	32395	37649	132	285
Albert Park Branch	406	170	387	1609	707	1294	738	1998	54305	61614	208	295
Waste Branch	236	163	249	1433	674	1341	590	5039	17431	27156	88	307
Irlams o'th Height Br'ch.	143	173	230	949	413	885	456	781	33591	37621	125	299
Totals	1538	1013	1698	9007	3806	7610	4035	12666	234747	276120	940	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	223	201	64	39	28	15	129	102	76	263	288	200	61	21	570	1232
Greengate Branch....	180	191	72	26	22	3	97	171	51	175	304	2	165	23	494	950
Regent Road Branch	266	290	156	87	43	13	174	229	107	345	636	208	...	11	855	1645
Pendleton Branch....	264	206	133	39	34	45	164	191	78	288	23	695	...	3	721	1379
Albert Park Branch.	380	354	165	71	68	141	309	128	149	593	1	4	1149	25	1179	2313
Waste Branch	102	125	84	26	26	16	53	76	56	194	...	379	...	...	379	735
Irlands o'th' Height Branch	159	224	131	60	42	50	31	75	178	382	4	582	...	80	666	1024
Totals	1574	1591	805	348	263	283	957	972	695	2240	1256	2070	1375	163	4864	9278

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	459	53	Coopers	2	—
Actresses	—	2	Coppersmith	1	—
Agents and Collectors	52	—	Cork Cutters	2	—
Almond Blancher	—	1	Corn Miller	1	—
Analyst	1	—	Corset Makers	—	2
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	379	3	Costumier	—	1
Architect and Surveyors	3	—	Cycle Maker	1	—
Art Teacher	1	—	Dairymen	4	—
Artists	3	2	Dentists	2	—
Auctioneers and Valuers	2	—	Designers	4	—
Auditor	1	—	Distiller	1	—
Bakers and Confectioners	11	13	Domestic Servants	—	35
Basket Maker	1	—	Drapers and Assistants	5	9
Blacksmiths and Strikers	10	—	Draughtsmen	19	—
Block Cutters	2	—	Dressmakers and Milliners	—	105
Bookbinder	1	—	Dyers and Bleachers	35	—
Booksellers and Stationers	8	1	Electricians	60	5
Book Stiffener	1	—	Electroplater	1	—
Bootmakers and Dealers	10	1	Electrotypers	2	—
Box Cutter and Makers	1	4	Embroiderers	—	2
Brewer	1	—	Ender and Mender	—	1
Bricklayers and Masons	14	—	Engineer, Civil	1	—
Bridge Master	1	—	Engineers, Mechanical	70	—
Brushmakers	2	—	Engravers	12	—
Builders and Contractors	2	—	Envelope Maker	—	1
Butchers	8	—	Factory Operatives	23	52
Butcher's Outfitter	1	—	Farm Bailiff	1	—
Butlers	2	—	Fishmongers and Poulterers	4	—
Buyers and Assistant	3	—	Fitters and Mechanics	46	—
Cable Makers	3	—	Florist and Seedsman	1	—
Cap Makers	—	7	Folders and Sewers	—	11
Carder	1	—	Footman	1	—
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	65	—	Foremen and Forewomen	4	2
Carters, Vanmen, etc.	22	—	French Polishers	9	—
Cashiers	9	1	Furnacemen	2	—
Cellarmen	2	—	Gardeners	3	—
Chainmaker	1	—	Glass Blowers, Cutters, and Dealers	4	1
Charwomen	—	2	Governesses	—	3
Cheese Factor	1	—	Greengrocers	2	—
Chemists and Assistants	9	2	Grocers and Assistant	20	1
Cigar and Cigarette Makers	—	4	Groom	1	—
Clergymen and Ministers	11	—	Haberdasher	—	1
Cloggers	3	—	Hairdressers	15	—
Cloth Stampers	3	2	Housekeepers	—	6
Clothier	1	—	Inland Revenue Officer	1	—
Coach Builders	6	—	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	73	—
Coachmen	2	—	Ironmongers	3	—
Coal Miners	14	—	Japanner and Lacquerer	2	—
Colour Mixers	4	—	Journalists	2	—
Commercial Travellers	33	—	Labourers and Porters	156	—
Commissionaire	1	—	Lady's Companions	—	2
Cooks	1	1	Laundresses	—	3
			Lay Readers	2	2

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Lecturers	3	—	School Children	11	7
Librarian, Assistant.....	1	—	Schoolmasters and Mistresses	13	8
Licensed Victuallers	4	—	School Teachers	29	170
Locksmith.....	1	—	Secretaries	5	—
Lodge-Keeper	1	—	Sempstresses	—	3
Machinists.....	4	65	Shearer	1	—
Makers-up and Packers	29	8	Ship's Rigger	1	—
Managers and Manageress	27	1	Shirt Makers.....	—	2
Manufacturers and Merchants	12	—	Shop Assistants	27	32
Married	—	581	Shroud Makers.....	—	2
Matron	—	1	Sieve Maker	—	1
Midwife	—	1	Slater.....	1	—
Military Commissioned Officer	1	—	Slipper Maker	—	1
Millwrights	2	—	Solicitors	2	—
Mother's Helps.....	—	9	Spring Maker	1	—
Motormen	9	—	Stereotypier	1	—
Musicians	7	3	Steward.....	1	—
Newsagents	2	1	Stock and Sharebrokers	3	—
Night Watchman.....	1	—	Stockkeepers.....	9	—
None or Not Stated.....	224	771	Students	15	—
Nurses	1	11	Sugar Boilers	2	—
Opticians	2	—	Surgery Attendant	1	—
Organ Builder	1	—	Surveyor's Assistant	1	—
Packing Case Makers	3	—	Tailoresses	—	31
Painters and Decorators.....	29	—	Tailors and Outfitters	16	—
Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.....	8	8	Tailor's Merchant.....	1	—
Pattern Card Makers	5	—	Tea Weigher and Packers	1	3
Pattern Filers	3	—	Telephone Operators	—	9
Pattern Makers	13	—	Timekeepers.....	2	—
Paviors	3	—	Tin Plate Workers	5	—
Pawnbrokers and Assistant ...	4	—	Tobacconists.....	3	3
Photographers	4	—	Tram Conductors.....	25	—
Physicians and Surgeons	7	—	Trunk Makers	4	—
Pianoforte Makers and Tuners	2	1	Typefounder.....	1	—
Pipe Mounter	1	—	Typists	5	21
Plasterer	1	—	Umbrella Makers.....	1	2
Platelayers	3	—	Undergraduate, Cambridge ...	1	—
Plumbers and Glaziers	25	—	Upholsterer	1	—
Plush Raiser.....	1	—	Velvet Brusher.....	1	—
Police Officers	18	—	Velvet Trimmers	2	—
Post Office Employés	32	4	Vergers	2	—
Printers, Compositors, and			Veterinary Surgeon.....	1	—
Feeder	50	9	Waiters and Waitresses	4	7
Railway Employés	28	—	Warehousemen ...	88	—
Registrar	1	—	Watch and Clockmakers.....	5	—
Saddlers and Harness Makers	3	—	Waterproof Garment Makers...	6	—
Salesmen and Shopkeepers ...	28	14	Weighman.....	1	—
Saleswomen	—	27	Wheelwrights	3	—
Sawyer	1	—	Wire Drawers, Weavers, etc....	5	2
Scientific Instrument Makers	4	—	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	12	—
School Attendance Officers ...	2	—			

Males 2701

Females..... 2163

Total..... 4864

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, SEEDLEY, ALBERT, AND ORDSALL PARKS.

The whole of the above parks have been maintained in good condition throughout the past year, and the continued improvement in the growth of the trees and shrubs is very satisfactory.

The Gymnasiums and grass playgrounds have also been kept in good condition, and have afforded great pleasure to children and general visitors.

The very unfavourable weather of last spring entirely spoiled the display of spring flowering bulbs, but the plants bedded out during the summer were very successful, and they were very much admired during the months of July and August.

BUILE HILL PARK.

The work of adapting the above estate for public use was taken in hand immediately after receiving the sanction of the Local Government Board, September, 1902. The main work necessary for this purpose consisted in making upwards of two miles of roadways, draining and fencing, the building of the band-stand, four shelters, two sets of conveniences, and a large supply of seats.

By May 30th this work was so far advanced that the Committee decided to allow the band-stand to be used for the weekly musical performances, and to open the park during Whit-Week, and on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, until it should be formally opened, and this concession was much appreciated by the public.

The Park was formally opened by His Worship the Mayor (Alderman W. Stephens, J.P.) on July 22nd in the presence of a large gathering of people, and since that date the park has been greatly used and appreciated, at least 10,000 people being present in the park on many occasions. Much work yet remains to be done, but it is expected that the whole of the estate will be available for public use next summer.

In connection with this estate it was thought necessary to apply to the Justices for power to stop the public footpath known as the "Dog Entry," and the necessary permission was granted in September last, and the footpath has been closed accordingly.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND FOR CHILDREN.

The use of this recreation ground continues to increase. The small lake still gives pleasure to many thousands of children, and the urgent need for a lake for the sailing of model yachts becomes more pressing as the popularity of this pastime increases.

THE CRESCENT LAND.

A suggestion having been made to form a lake for boating, etc., on the above land, the filling up of the same has been stopped for the present.

The Parks Sub-Committee inspected similar undertakings at Ashton and Oldham. At Ashton it was ascertained that the outlay upon the construction and equipment of the lake in that Borough was £9,580, and the income was about £900 per annum, and the cost of maintenance £380 per annum.

At Oldham the lake cost £13,000, and was only opened for public use the Friday before Whit-Week, and £407 was taken in three weeks.

GREAT CHEETHAM STREET EAST.

The area of this recreation ground has been extended to $7\frac{1}{4}$ acres, through the kindness of Mr. Samuel Holland, Colonel Clowes, and Mrs. Crossley.

Mr. Holland gave over the house known as "The Elms" and 10,079 yards of land.

Colonel Clowes 2,705 yards of land.

Mrs. Crossley 680 yards of land.

The work of adapting these pieces of land for public use is now being proceeded with. A bowling green has been formed, and the different pieces of land fenced in, and when completed this ground will be the best equipped in the Borough.

DEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

This land was given to the Corporation by the Dean and Canons of Manchester for a playground, but owing to the rebuilding of the property and altering streets, etc., it was not thought advisable to lay out the land until this work has been done.

The land has now been levelled up by tipping over 1,000 loads of earth and cinders thereon, and drained and fenced, and is now very much used for football and other games.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the bowling greens have been maintained in excellent condition.

The past season was very unfavourable for this popular pastime, and this accounts for the small increase of 58 in the number of persons using the greens over last year. There will be further accommodation provided for bowling next season, as the new green at the Great Cheetham Street Recreation Ground, and also the green now in course of construction at Seedley Park, will be available.

The total receipts from the seven bowling greens during the past year are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Peel Park	34	10	8
Seedley Park.....	51	2	0
Albert Park	52	10	8
Ordsall Park (two greens)	72	3	6
Charlestown Recreation Ground	35	13	2
Irlams-o'th'-Height	26	7	2
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	£273	7	2
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as against £271 17s. 6d. last year.

The total number of players using the bowling greens during the season was 32,683, as against 32,625 last year.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There have been 69 band performances, and seven special musical entertainments during the summer; 33 of the band performances being given in the various playgrounds.

By this means many thousands of people are brought in to the parks and playgrounds in the summer evenings.

	£	s.	d.
The following bands were engaged at a cost of	199	10	6
Salford Police Band.			
Pendleton Old Prize Band.			
Pendleton Public Band.			
Irwell Street Mission Prize Band.			
South Salford Silver Band.			
Broughton Victoria Prize Band.			
Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Brass Band.			
Longford Hall Mission Band.			
Weaste Temperance Band.			
For the special musical entertainments the following			
companies were engaged at a cost of.....	23	9	0
The Leslie Light Opera Company.			
The Manchester Socialist Choir.			
Yates' Alfresco Pierrots.			
Police attendance at the various band performances.....	14	7	6
	<u>£237</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

It is satisfactory to report that the 22nd annual exhibition, held in Peel Park, on the 31st July and August 1st and 3rd last, was a great success.

In conjunction with the exhibition of plants, etc., an exhibition of model yachts was held, and 45 were entered for competition. Many beautiful models were exhibited, and they were the source of much interest, and were a very considerable attraction to the show.

The number of plants sold to cottagers and others was 7,513, against 7,443 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes was £79 13s., against £74 2s. 6d. last year, and the attendance of visitors was 22,048, against 18,548 last year.

The Mayor (Mr. Alderman W. Stephens, J.P.) opened the exhibition, and he was supported by the Chairman and Members of the Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee, and a large assembly of ladies and gentlemen interested in the exhibition.

The task of awarding the numerous prizes was again placed in the hands of competent judges, and resulted in general satisfaction, and the judges again commented upon the general improvement shown in the quality of the exhibits, and the importance of this part of the Committee's work to the poorer residents of the Borough.

The special prizes given by the Mayor of the value of £2, and by Mr. C. J. Heywood of £2 2s., stimulate a very keen competition, and bring out results highly creditable to the exhibitors.

GENERALLY.

The principal work done in repairs and alterations in the parks and playgrounds are included in the following summary :—

PEEL PARK.

The lake repaired and edged with white limestone. A greenhouse 40-feet × 18-feet has been taken down, the brickwork rebuilt and a new top fixed.

The whole of the asphalt roadways around the Museum and Technical School have been repaired, tarred, and spalled over a total area of 7,556 superficial square yards.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

The lake has been cleaned out, and the rockery stone removed from the centre. Six grids have been fixed in Walness Lane to prevent stormwater from damaging this ground, at a cost of £19 1s.

SEEDLEY PARK.

The taking down of 60 yards of boundary wall, and forming the connection with Buile Hill has been done, and a start made with the construction of the new bowling green.

ALBERT PARK.

3,183 superficial square yards of asphalt footpaths have been tarred and and sparred over, and eight new pedestals fixed with vases, at the main entrance at the Great Clowes Street end of the park.

ORDSALL PARK.

The roadway at the Trafford Road entrance and the pathways around the flower garden have been asphalted, in all 1,500 superficial square yards.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

1,659 superficial square yards of asphalt pathways have been tarred and sparred over, and the pavement under the swings relaid.

GROSVENOR SQUARE.

The whole of the fences have been painted.

KERSAL MOOR.

250 yards of post and wire fencing, and 12 new seats have been fixed.

SANATORIUM NURSERY GROUND.

The stock of trees and shrubs have received the necessary attention, and are in a very excellent condition.

ALFRED WORSLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

Peel Park, Salford.

29th October, 1903.

MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1903-1904.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman W. Stephens, J.P.

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Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Councillor Wilkinson.

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Mr. Councillor Barker.

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Mr. Councillor Cruickshank.

„ „ Lees.

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„ „ Thompson.

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* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

‡ Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Assistant.*

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	Francis Harl, <i>Attendant.</i>
James Whitelegg, <i>Attendant.</i>	J. E. Mather, „
Arthur J. Woodworth, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

LIBRARIES.

PEEL PARK.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
J. H. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*
A. Wadsworth, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian.*
John Bray, *Senior Assistant*
W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. J. Hewitt, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Thomas Noble „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>	A. Smith, <i>Assistant.</i>
Enoch Stone, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	S. Cunningham „

PENDLETON BRANCH.

Charles H. Crossley, <i>Librarian.</i>	E. Whitelegg, <i>Assistant.</i>
F. Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	F. M'Intosh „

ALBERT PARK BRANCH.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>	Alice Ingall, <i>Assistant.</i>
Charles F. Dockray, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Agnes Smith „

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Caretaker.*

WEASTE BRANCH.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>	James Kershaw, <i>Assistant.</i>
	John Burgess, „

IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, <i>Librarian.</i>	T. H. Barnfield, <i>Assistant.</i>
Peter Fury, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	W. Grindley, „
Albert E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	

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ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



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REPORT OF THE MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museum, Libraries and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Annual Report for the year ended 31st October, 1904, being the fifty-sixth report of the series.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

During the past year several additions have been made to the various collections. The fine arts section has been enriched by the gift of a valuable oil painting, "The Bay of Tangier," by E. W. Cooke, R.A., presented by Geo. W. Agnew, Esq., J.P., member of a family from which the art galleries have on many occasions received benefactions and esteemed assistance. Another painting, "The Return of the Lance Fishers," by Hamilton Macallum, has been acquired by purchase.

Additions have been made to the section dealing with applied and industrial arts, among which may be mentioned several electrotype copies of German silversmith's work, 15th to 18th century; electrotypes of antique work in precious metals, chiefly Russian, Persian and Byzantine; and reproductions of many 14th to 16th century Italian bronzes, illustrating the application of the arts of design and modelling to objects of every day use. Further, some fine facsimile reproductions of Della Robbia's masterpieces of enamelled terra cotta, and a few examples of fifteenth century Italian wrought ironwork have also been purchased; these objects have not yet been placed upon exhibition. Towards these purchases the Board of Education has contributed one half the cost.

Several objects have been added to the Ethnographical collections; the most important specimen being a fine and well-preserved example of the Maori tatued head.

To the Burnley Corporation Art Gallery at Towneley Hall, have been lent, for exhibition purposes, H. H. Pickersgill's painting, "The Meeting of Robert and Arlotta," and the picture, "Columbus and the Egg," by R. Knupfer.

Two oil paintings, "The Meeting of Esau and Jacob," by G. F. Watts, R.A., and the portrait of Laurence Sterne, by Thomas Gainsborough, R.A., have been lent to the Corporation of Newcastle-upon-Tyne for their opening exhibition in the new Laing Art Gallery.

As a contribution to the "Old Manchester and Salford Exhibition," promoted by the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, several objects were lent in the summer.

Continued work has been done among the collections, in overhauling, labelling, re-arranging, registering, and technically describing the various objects, both new and old.

The loan art collections from the Victoria and Albert Museum have been changed, and now comprise a charming collection of English porcelain; a case of interesting pieces of early Persian and Turkish enamelled earthenware; a group of objects illustrating the application of repoussé work to a variety of metal objects; and a fourth case containing a varied selection of glass vessels and several personal ornaments from Spain. Three oil paintings have also been included in the loan.

MUSEUM DONATIONS.

Geo. W. Agnew, Esq., J.P.—

Oil Painting—"The Bay of Tangier," by E. W. Cooke, R.A.

A. Artingsall, Esq.—

Gun used in the Bonny War.

Thomas Parker, Esq.—

Bronze-gilt Medal: Victory of the Nile.

Miss Sainsbury—

A Calash.

R. Tannock, Esq., *per* A. Ridyard, Esq.—

Jar, pottery, from Ewarri, Ebo Country, West Africa.

Grass Cap, Lagos.

Fly Brush, Nkwalla, Ebo Country.

War Office, *per* Sir Lees Knowles, Bart., M.P.—

Twelve Boer Rifles.

Mr. Councillor Yearnshaw—

French Cavalry helmet from the Field of Waterloo.

MUSEUM PURCHASES.

Facsimile reproductions, Italian majolica, Della Robbia ware, and Hispano-Moresque, Rhodian and Persian wares, 15th, 16th and 17th century.

Collection of British birds' eggs.

Early Staffordshire dish, about 1680.

Maori tatued head and tatuing implement. New Zealand.

Various ethnographical specimens.

Electrotype copies of German silversmith's work, 15th to 18th century.

Electrotype reproductions of antique metal-work.

Electrotype reproductions of Italian bronzes, 14th to 16th century.

Facsimile reproductions of Italian wrought-iron work, 15th century.

Oil Painting—"The Return of the Lance Fishers," by Hamilton Macallum.

Flower holder, early salt-glazed ware.

Large black basalt bust of Homer, Wedgwood ware.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

The re-arrangement of the volumes upon the shelves of the Reference Library, a work of prime importance, necessarily occupying considerable attention, has made satisfactory progress. The writing of cataloguing cards for all of the books in stock, an essential portion of the scheme, has been completed, and all of the sections, except two, have been arranged upon the shelves in accordance with modern principles and requirements. This re-arrangement greatly facilitates and simplifies the finding of volumes for borrowers' use. Many useful additions have been made to the stock of books, and several obsolete volumes have been discarded.

The inclusion of music in the stock of the Peel Park and Pendleton Lending Libraries, has proved to be so popular and beneficial that your Committee have strengthened the stock in those two libraries, and have extended the scheme to the Regent Road and Albert Park Branches.

From the 219 volumes in Peel Park the issues have numbered 1,801; the ninety-seven volumes at Regent Road are with the binders; from 109 volumes at Pendleton there have been 860 issues; and the number borrowed from the stock of 70 volumes, recently supplied to the Albert Park Branch, has been 189 volumes.

The improved and simplified system of book arrangement with card stock catalogue, adopted for the Greengate Branch, has been extended to other Lending Libraries in the Borough, and secures much advantage, both to the public and the staff, by the more rapid service at the counter and the greater elasticity provided for additions.

At the Weaste Branch the defective roof has been renewed, and the adjoining Assembly Room has been converted into a Recreation Room, where men play draughts and chess, and may chat and smoke during the evenings from six until half-past nine o'clock. This new use of the room is very popular and gives much satisfaction. The same remark, indeed, applies to the extension of the time for closing the public reading rooms, which now is half-past nine instead of nine o'clock.

Obsolete volumes to the number of 680 have been removed from the Reference Library; 235 volumes have been transferred to the Weaste

Branch from the Peel Park and Greengate lending libraries ; and the total number of volumes added to the various Libraries during the year is shown in the following statement :—

Libraries.	New Books.	Replacements.
Reference Library	599	—
Lending Library, Peel Park	352	71
Greengate Branch.....	451	57
Regent Road Branch	395	110
Pendleton Branch.....	226	21
Albert Park Branch	362	95
Weaste Branch	533	8
The Height Branch	476	15
	<hr/> 3,394	<hr/> 377
	Total, 3,771 volumes.	

Many matters of routine and improvement have received the attention of your Committee. Among them might, perhaps, be mentioned, the careful selection of the new books and the suitable replacement of worn-out volumes ; the improvement in the gas lighting of the Pendleton and Albert Park branches and the Weaste recreation room ; the beautifying of those branches, and the outside painting of the Museum building.

The full efficiency of all departments has been maintained, and in many cases increased, as far as your Committee were empowered by the means placed by the Council at their disposal.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries ...	141,586
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading	289,891
3.—No. of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms.	221,721
4.—No. of Readers of Newspapers and Magazines	1,189,701
Total.....	<hr/> 1,842,899

Your Committee arranged for the following Lectures to be delivered during the year :—

13th October.—Rev. T. F. Nicholas, M.A., F.R.G.S. “Rome :
Classical, Christian, Mediaeval, and Modern.” Chairman, Mr.
Alderman Worsley.

- 27th October.—J. Ernest Phythian, Esq. “The English School of Painting.”
- 10th November.—Thomas London, Esq. “The World of Dickens : Some of the Characters he Created.”
- 24th November.—Edgar Bellingham, Esq. “A Holiday on the Broads.”
- 8th December.—Rev. Fred. A. Rees. “The Fjords and Fjelds of Norway.”
- 5th January.—Walter Butterworth, Esq. “Spenser’s Faery Queene.”
- 19th January.—W. Fitzwater Wray, Esq. “The Art of the Hoardings.”
- 2nd February.—J. F. Cadenhead, Esq. “A Tour in the Interior of Morocco.”
- 16th February.—Rev. E. Theodore Carrier. “Sir Walter Scott.”
- 1st March.—Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, M.A. “Stars, Visible and Invisible.”
- 15th March.—Rev. W. H. Newett. “A Day in London, and What to see There.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1903-4.

	No. of Vols and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of, London ...	1
Bailey, Sir W. H.	2
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	19
Canterbury Chamber of Commerce and Corporation.....	1
Choate, Right Honourable J. H., D.C.L.	3
Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East	1
City and Guilds of London Institute.....	1
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Costley, J. T., Esq.....	1

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Dockray, C. Fewster	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Falmouth Public Library Committee	1
Farrer, Lady	1
Folkard, Henry T., Esq., F.S.A	1
Fryer, Dr. Alfred C.	1
Harper and Brothers	1
Hinners, Edward, Esq.	1
Hollinsworth, C. B., Esq.	4
Jessett, M. G., Esq.	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	4
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Baillie's Institution (Glasgow), Barrow- in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast. Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folke- stone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsea, Hove, Kidderminster, Kingston-Upon- Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Mitchell Library (Glasgow), Moss Side, New- castle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. George's, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Smethwick,	

South Shields, Southampton, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

Liverpool Public Libraries, Museum, and Arts Committee, <i>per</i>	
Peter Cowell, Esq., F.R.H.S., Chief Librarian	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews...	5
Macmillan and Company	6
Manchester Certified Industrial Schools	1
Manchester Corporation	12
Manchester Geological Society	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society	2
Manchester Museum, Owens College.....	4
Manchester Statistical Society	2
Meux, Lady.....	2
National Union of Teachers	1
New South Wales, Agent-General for	2
Nickerson, Rev. D., M.A.	1
Owens College, Manchester	1
Patent Office Publications	180

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors:—Abolitionist Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend, Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Bible Society Gleanings, Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Broughton P.S.A. Leader, Canadian Gazette, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Gleaner, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, Clerks of Works Journal, Colliery Guardian, Cook's Traveller's

Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artisan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times, Electrician, Engineering Times, Food and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Herald of the Golden Age, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Ladies' League Gazette, Laundry Journal, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Courier, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Mission Field, Monthly Record of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Musical Herald, Nature Notes, New Church Magazine, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Magazine, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printer's Engineer, Property List, Public Health Engineer, Son of Temperance, Textile Journal, Textile Recorder, Tool and Machinery Register, Travel, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Weekly Dispatch, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Phillips, Herbert, Esq. 1

Platt-Higgins, F., Esq., M.P. 1

Potter, C., Esq. 1

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued):—Caledonian, Cambrian, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Northern (Ireland), Great Southern and Western (Ireland), Great Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North Western, London, Chatham, and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, Midland Great Western (Ireland), North British, North Eastern, South Eastern.

Religious Tract Society 1

Royal Dublin Society 2

Royal Geographical Society 2

Royal Institution of Great Britain.....	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution.....	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	8
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	1
Salford Corporation.....	41
Salford Royal Hospital	1
Sell, H., Esq.	1
Smithsonian Institution	3
Stubbs' Publishing Company, Limited	1
United States Bureau of American Ethnology	1
United States, Commissioner of Education for the	1
United States National Museum	1
University Correspondence College	3
Victoria University of Manchester.....	1
Washington, Library of Congress	6

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1904.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-64	7163637	3390	2113	
1850	...	...	...	Museum opened in April.
1854	...	...	...	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1856	...	...	...	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
55 Years.	21,288,942	14,173	1,502	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1903-1904.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	2364	5	1699	26	4063	4063	112	339	156
December	23	2333	4	500	27	2833	6896	101	125	105
January	22	2857	5	1223	27	4080	10976	130	244	151
February	21	2915	4	2066	25	4981	15957	139	516	199
March	20	10971	3	1956	23	12927	28884	548	652	562
April	21	9215	4	3222	25	12437	41321	438	805	497
May	23	14085	5	3910	28	17995	59316	612	782	642
June	22	9233	4	4165	26	13398	72714	419	1041	515
July	21	12738	5	4788	26	17526	90240	606	957	674
August	23	21572	4	3613	27	25265	115505	938	923	935
September	21	11984	4	3619	25	15603	131108	570	904	624
October	22	7220	5	3258	27	10478	141586	328	651	388
Totals, &c.	260	107487	52	34099	312	141586	141586	413	655	453

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
2864	2734		5170	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
868	2734	1394	738	1008	865	2315	9922

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	53	16146	1316	17462	329	5032	94
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	53	21015	...	21015	396	2560	48
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	53	18936	...	18936	357	5290	99
PENDLETON BRANCH ...	53	7145	154	7299	137	114	2
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	53	4875	538	5413	102	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS ..	53	3622	410	4032	76	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	53	3597	664	4261	80	101	1
IRLAM'S O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	53	4443	1500	5943	112	58	1
Totals.....	...	79779	4582	84361	1589	13155	245

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1242	Blue Bks. {6944 1322}	1134	10336	...	3124	2653	1829	3273	3493	281	...	35631
Lending, Peel Park	247	168	177	739	219	750	840	760	658	426	5449	274	10707
Greengate Branch	248	194	190	1034	...	858	923	666	740	659	4502	...	10014
Regent Road Branch ...	244	120	256	723	97	525	869	761	760	509	4274	...	9138
Pendleton Branch	192	108	282	901	109	539	601	571	572	255	4736	...	8866
Albert Park Branch	225	99	136	541	70	268	354	335	416	776	5289	..	8509
Wearside Branch	61	46	109	275	...	138	225	183	202	401	1682	...	3322
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	102	101	132	379	..	178	339	292	193	107	2930	...	4753
Totals.....	2561	9102	2416	14928	495	6380	6804	5397	6814	6626	29143	274	90940

GENERAL TABLE--ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS O'HE' HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)									
1850 to 1859 ...	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1859-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	329598	1861
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	407767	102449
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	406126	
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	...	432728	
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	435867	1871
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	...	419951	124801
1896-7	66303	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	414791	
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	390266	1881
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	379007	176235
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	374875	
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	28957	443516	1891
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	55803	483418	198139
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	...	57773	57237	491643	1901
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	...	62605	57206	511612	220957
Totals	3,098,386	2,367,760	2,435,224	2,965,393	2,028,000	1,288,393	...	236,799	199,203	14,619,158	Present Estimated. 228983
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1903-4 ..	5,466,146		231,278	239,396	94,625	90,477	86,258	221,339	46,539	1,189,701	

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park.....	1515	1307	1700	4829	1574	1513	31636	19332	1291	64706	213	303	179789	593
Greengate Branch	333	131	90	772	343	552	6586	17152	3101	29060	94	307	231278	753
Regent Road Branch	123	773	117	880	271	650	230	25082	2698	30824	100	308	239396	777
Pendleton Branch	15	70	88	224	133	128	126	18730	1691	21205	69	307	94525	308
Albert Park Branch	3	12	7	109	18	15	7005	17155	145	24469	81	301	90177	300
Charles'wnRead'g-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	80258	280
Weaste Branch	34	97	39	224	238	129	14560	16005	462	31788	103	307	221339	720
Irlams o'th' Height Br'ch.	41	127	32	162	40	78	271	18496	422	19669	64	307	46539	151
Totals	2064	2517	2082	7200	2617	3065	60414	131952	9810	221721	724	...	1189701	3882

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park.....	126	156	247	1216	1801	463	854	672	884	27869	34288	117	292
Greengate Branch	200	264	272	847	...	433	719	461	1698	23206	34100	113	299
Regent Road Branch	227	245	213	941	...	509	892	544	1694	44159	49424	168	294
Pendleton Branch	135	146	224	1303	860	603	932	405	1590	34722	40920	137	297
Albert Park Branch	363	142	273	1262	189	660	1209	712	1771	56224	62805	215	291
Weaste Branch	285	161	207	1136	...	933	1124	406	4679	21886	30817	101	304
Irlams o'th' Height Br'ch.	159	220	259	887	...	430	1083	538	1043	32918	37537	126	297
Totals	1495	1334	1695	7592	2850	4031	6813	3738	13359	246984	289891	977	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	SALFORD.	PENDLETON.	BROUGHTON.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	293	335	92	43	37	28	152	142	126	408	383	319	86	40	828	1298
Greengate Branch...	176	161	80	28	30	1	77	140	36	223	303	5	150	18	476	964
Regent Road Branch	234	298	163	75	40	19	156	207	104	362	623	192	2	12	829	1702
Pendleton Branch...	236	203	140	79	33	34	155	214	73	283	21	694	4	6	725	1439
Albert Park Branch.	330	350	179	97	71	130	248	115	173	621	4	...	1121	32	1157	2336
Weaste Branch	110	120	75	42	30	22	61	53	69	216	...	399	...	...	399	888
Irlams o'th Height Branch	118	185	109	25	16	53	21	50	152	283	5	422	1	78	506	1163
Totals	1497	1652	838	389	257	287	870	921	733	2396	1339	2031	1364	186	4920	9790

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	450	66	Costumiers	—	7
Actor and Actress	1	1	Customs Officers	5	—
Agents and Collectors	47	1	Cycle Makers	2	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	337	—	Dairymen	4	—
Architects and Surveyors	4	—	Dentists	2	—
Art Teacher	—	1	Designers	4	—
Artists	2	2	Die Maker	1	—
Author	1	—	Dispenser of Medicine	1	—
Bakers	5	—	Domestic Servants	—	23
Billiard Marker	1	—	Drapers and Haberdashers	9	4
Billposter	1	—	Draughtsmen	24	—
Blacksmiths and Strikers	7	—	Dress and Mantle Makers	16	82
Block Cutter	1	—	Drysalter	1	—
Boiler Makers	2	—	Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	24	—
Bookbinders	8	1	Electricians	43	5
Booksellers and Stationers	8	1	Embossers	2	—
Bootmakers and Dealers	9	2	Embroiderers	—	4
Brewers	2	—	Enders and Menders	—	2
Bricklayers and Masons	18	—	Engineers, Civil	4	—
Broker	1	—	Engineers, Mechanical	57	—
Brushmakers	1	1	Engravers	14	—
Builders and Contractors	5	—	Factory Operatives	36	84
Butchers	23	1	Fancy Box Maker	—	1
Cab Proprietor	1	—	Feather Cleaners	—	2
Cable Makers	3	—	Fishmonger	1	—
Cap Makers	1	4	Fitters and Mechanics	40	—
Caretakers	5	1	Florists	—	3
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	73	—	Flour Miller	1	—
Carriers	2	—	Folders and Sewers	—	14
Carters, Vanmen, etc.	16	—	Foreign Correspondent	1	—
Cashiers	21	1	Foremen and Forewomen	3	3
Cattle Dealers	3	—	French Polishers	8	—
Charwomen	—	4	Furnacemen	7	—
Chemists and Druggists	15	—	Furniture Dealer	1	—
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ..	—	4	Furriers	—	2
Clergymen and Ministers	16	—	Gardeners	6	—
Cloggers	11	—	Gas Inspectors	4	—
Cloth Stampers	1	3	Glass Blowers and Cutters ..	3	—
Clothiers	2	—	Goldsmiths	5	—
Coach Builders	5	—	Governesses	—	3
Coach Painter	1	—	Greengrocers	5	—
Coachmen	5	—	Grocers	41	2
Coal Miners	10	—	Gun Maker	1	—
Colour Mixers	5	—	Hairdressers	18	—
Commercial Travellers	27	—	Hardware Dealers	2	1
Commissionaires	3	—	Hoistmen	2	—
Confectioners	8	23	Housekeepers	—	29
Cooks	—	3	Inland Revenue Officer	1	—
Cooper	1	—	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	91	—
Coppersmith	1	—	Ironmongers	3	—
Cork Cutter	1	—	Journalists	5	1
Corset Maker	—	1	Labourers and Porters	138	—
			Laundresses	—	4

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Lay Reader	1	—	Saleswomen	—	8
Lecturer	1	—	Sanitary Inspectors	2	1
Librarian	1	—	School Attendance Officers ...	4	—
Licensed Victuallers	8	—	School Children	8	2
Lithographer	1	—	School Inspector	1	—
Machinists.....	23	71	School Teachers	43	182
Makers-up and Packers	26	9	Schoolmasters and Mistresses	21	8
Managers and Manageress	19	1	Sempstresses	—	4
Manufacturers and Merchants	19	—	Shipwright	1	—
Married	—	483	Shirt Makers.....	—	3
Matrons	—	2	Shop Assistants	10	23
Medical Plaster Maker	1	—	Shopkeepers	19	21
Milliners	—	19	Slaters	10	—
Millwrights	2	—	Solicitor	1	—
Motormen	14	—	Starch Mixer.....	1	—
Mount Cutter	1	—	Stockkeepers.....	10	—
Musicians	21	7	Students	17	9
Naval Officer.....	1	—	Surveyors	6	—
Newsagent	1	—	Surgical Instrument Makers ...	3	—
None or Not Stated	196	839	Tailoresses	—	39
Nurses	—	10	Tailors and Outfitters	26	—
Oilsheet Maker.....	1	—	Tanner	1	—
Opticians	2	—	Tea Weighers and Packers.....	—	3
Organ Builder	1	—	Telephone Operators	—	3
Packing Case Makers	2	—	Tin Plate Workers	5	—
Painters and Decorators.....	24	—	Tobacconists	2	1
Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.....	3	12	Tram Conductors, etc.....	4	—
Pattern Card Makers	7	1	Tripe Dressers	2	—
Pattern Makers	10	—	Trunk Makers	2	—
Pavior	1	—	Typists	1	23
Pawnbrokers.....	6	—	Umbrella Makers.....	1	2
Photographers	4	3	Undertaker	1	—
Physicians and Surgeons	6	—	Upholsterer	1	—
Picture Frame Makers	2	—	Verger	1	—
Plasterer	1	—	Veterinary Surgeon.....	1	—
Plumbers and Glaziers	24	—	Vocalist	—	1
Police Officers	12	—	Waiters and Waitresses	2	13
Post Office Employés	19	7	Warehousemen	115	—
Printers, Compositors, and			Watchmakers and Jewellers ...	2	—
Feeder	34	8	Wharfinger	1	—
Railway Employés	19	—	Wheelwrights	3	—
Registrar of Births, etc.....	1	—	Wire Drawers	7	—
Saddlers and Harness Makers	4	—	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	3	—
Salesmen	41	—			
Males			2705		
Females.....			2215		

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL (WHICH INCLUDES SEEDLEY), ALBERT, AND ORDSALL PARKS.

During the past year the whole of the above parks have been maintained in good condition, and a considerable number of trees and shrubs have been planted, which has greatly improved the appearance of the parks.

The display of spring flowering bulbs was exceptionally good, and the plants bedded out were much admired by many thousands of visitors during the summer months.

BUILE HILL.

The work of laying out this park is not yet completed, but considerable progress has been made with the work without interfering with full use of the whole estate by the public during the past summer.

This park, which also includes Seedley Park, is very popular, and the means provided for the recreation and amusement of visitors are fully used and appreciated.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have constantly had attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Tenerife Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Cook Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, Dean Road, Mandley, The Height (Farmer's Lane), The Height (King Street), The Crescent Land.

THE MANDLEY (late Great Cheetham Street East) RECREATION GROUND.

The adapting of the new portions of this playground to public use has been successfully carried out, and it is highly appreciated by the inhabitants of the district. The work was increased by the alterations necessitated in carrying out the Leicester Road Improvement Scheme, whereby a new wall

and boundary fence had to be built the whole length, on that side, of the Recreation Ground.

THE HEIGHT RECREATION GROUND (Farmer's Lane).

The work of laying out this land has been commenced, and it is expected to be ready for the use of the public next summer.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the bowling greens have been kept in excellent condition, and the pastime is greatly increasing in popularity. There are now ten bowling greens, nine having been in use during the past summer. A new green has just been completed at the Mandley Recreation Ground, making the tenth available for next season.

The total receipts from the nine bowling greens during the past season are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Peel Park	45	9	10
Buile Hill (two greens).....	71	2	10
Albert Park	65	14	8
Ordsall Park (two greens)	87	17	6
Charlestown Recreation Ground	38	2	4
Irlams-o'-th'-Height (King Street).....	29	2	6
Mandley Recreation Ground (only one in use)...	31	10	2
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	£368	19	10
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as against £272 7s. 2d. last year from seven bowling greens.

The total number of persons using the bowling greens during the season was 44,279, as against 32,683.

LAWN TENNIS AT BUILE HILL.

Early in the year five tennis courts were marked out and provided with nets on the lawns near the house, full advantage of which was immediately taken by the people of the district and others, and it has been decided to add to the accommodation prior to next season.

The total receipts from the tennis grounds during the past season are £27 19s. 2d., and the total number of persons using the grounds was 3,355.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

There have been 84 band performances during the summer, 60 in the parks and 24 in the playgrounds.

Twelve performances were given on Saturday evenings at Buile Hill, and were very well attended.

The performances were well attended throughout and many thousands of people were attracted to the parks by the bands.

The following bands were engaged, namely :—

	£	s.	d.
Salford Police Band.			
Pendleton Old Prize Band.			
Pendleton Public Band.			
Irwell Street Mission Prize Band.			
South Salford Silver Band.			
Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Brass Band.			
Longford Hall Mission Band.			
Weaste Temperance Band.			
Pendleton Ragged School Band.			
Salford Tramways Band.			
Scottish Pipe Band.			
at a total cost of.....	234	14	0
Police attendance at the various band performances	14	15	0
	<u>£249</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

PEEL PARK COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The twenty-third annual exhibition was held in Peel Park, on the 29th and 30th July and the 1st August last.

The exhibition was a great success and the model yachts were again a very interesting and popular section of the show, there being 25 beautiful models entered in the competition for the prizes offered.

The number of plants sold in connection with this work was 8,460, against 7,513 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes was £80 9s., against £79 13s. last year. The attendance of visitors was 23,000, against 22,048 last year.

The Mayor (Mr. Alderman Stephens, J.P.) opened the exhibition, and he was supported by the Chairman and Members of the Museum, Libraries and Parks Committee, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the show.

The task of awarding the numerous prizes was again placed in the hands of competent judges, and resulted in general satisfaction, the judges and others again commented upon the improvement shown in the quality of the exhibits, and the great importance and effect of this part of the Committee's work in the homes of workers in the Borough.

Special prizes were again given by the Mayor of the value of £2, and by Mr. C. J. Heywood of the value of £2 2s., these prizes create keen competition and the plants shown in this section were highly creditable to the exhibitors.

It is pleasing to note that the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) has promised a special prize for the next exhibition.

GENERALLY.

The principal work done in repairs and alteration in the parks and playgrounds is included in the following summary :—

PEEL PARK.

Two new greenhouses 47 feet long × 20 feet wide have been built, and four cold frames 25 feet × 10 feet, two and a half miles of iron railings painted, and the Victoria and Ducie Gates painted and gilded, and the Hough Lane footbridge asphalted.

BUILE HILL.

1,000 yards of 6-inch drains laid.

300 yards of boundary wall rebuilt and an 18-inch. × 4-inch. stone coping with 4-feet 6-inch wrought iron railings fixed on the top.

360 yards of 6-feet × 2-feet stone wall taken down in the Dog Entry and rebuilt around the new gymnasium.

800 yards of 18-feet roadway made.

Two additional shelters built and three drinking fountains fixed.

A new 3-inch water main has been laid from Eccles Old Road to the Hall, 220 yards.

A new bowling green has been completed, two flights of 8-feet 6-inch steps fixed, and the new walks around the green asphalted.

ALBERT PARK.

A new bowlhouse and shelter is in course of construction, and the whole of the boundary fences have been painted.

ORDSALL PARK.

The whole of the boundary walls have been pointed, 1,000 superficial square yards of asphalt has been laid at Hulton Street gateway, 150 yards of new drains laid.

MANDLEY RECREATION GROUND.

Flights of 12 and 6 steps have been fixed at the bowling green.

A bowlhouse and shelter has been built, and a second bowling green is almost completed. 130 yards of wall have been built with stone coping, and a 4-feet 6-inch wrought iron railing fixed thereon, on the Leicester Road side of the recreation ground.

IRLAMS-O'TH'-HEIGHT (King Street).

The whole of the walks around the bowling green and library, about 750 superficial square yards, have been asphalted.

THE HEIGHT RECREATION GROUD (Farmer's Lane).

500 yards of boundary fence fixed, 80 yards of boundary wall built and stone coping fixed.

SANATORIUM NURSERY GROUND.

The stock of trees and shrubs continue to improve and to receive the necessary attention.

ALFRED WORSLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

Town Hall, Salford,
25th October, 1904.

MUSEUM, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1904-1905.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman W. Stephens, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Rudman, J.P.

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Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.

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„ „ Phillips, J.P.†

„ „ Snape, J.P.

Mr. Councillor Barker.

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Mr. Councillor Cruickshank.

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„ „ Sackville.

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† Chairman, Museum and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

‡ Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,

CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

Thomas Blease, *Head Attendant.*

Francis Harl, *Attendant.*

James Whitelegg, *Attendant.*

J. E. Mather, „

Archibald Swindells, *Junior Attendant.*

LIBRARIES.

PEEL PARK.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*

J. H. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*

A. Wadsworth, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian*

John Bray, *Senior Assistant*

W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

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Edward Lord, *Librarian.*

Thomas Peel, *Senior Assistant.*

F. J. Hewitt, *Assistant.*

Thomas Noble „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH.

Asa Jackson, *Librarian.*

Enoch Stone, *Senior Assistant.*

A. Smith, *Assistant.*

S. Cunningham „

PENDLETON BRANCH.

Charles H. Crossley, *Librarian.*

F. Jackson, *Senior Assistant.*

E. Whitelegg, *Assistant.*

F. M'Intosh „

ALBERT PARK BRANCH.

Henry Santon, *Librarian.*

Charles F. Dockray, *Senior Assistant.*

Alice Ingall, *Assistant.*

Agnes Smith „

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Caretaker.*

WEASTE BRANCH.

T. C. T. Smith, *Librarian.*

John Burgess, *Assistant.*

John Sheldon, *Assistant.*

Mark Barlow, *Evening Attendant.*

IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, *Librarian.*

Peter Fury, *Senior Assistant.*

T. H. Barnfield, *Assistant.*

W. Grindley, „

Albert E. Mather, *Attendant.*

PUBLIC PARKS.

ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee, have the honour of presenting their Annual Report for the year ended 31st October, 1905,—the fifty-seventh report since the inauguration of the Public Libraries and Museum.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

In anticipation of a considerable increase in the exhibition space allotted to objects at the Peel Park Art Galleries, an increase due to the transference of the entire Natural History collections to the Buile Hill Museum, your Committee have again availed themselves of the valued and practical assistance of the Board of Education, by securing their contribution of one-half the cost of purchasing some approved reproductions of works of art. With this aid they have added to the collections reproductions of some of the most notable pieces of sculpture known to Greek art and the Italian Renaissance, which will greatly enrich the collections.

Some additions, illustrative of various primitive arts, have been made to the Ethnographical collections, among them being an interesting example of the Japanese domestic clock.

During the year the Burnley Corporation Art Gallery have had on loan from the Art Galleries, for exhibition at Townley Hall, the paintings, "The meeting of Robert and Arlotta," by H. H. Pickersgill, and "Columbus and the Egg," by R. Knupfer.

The picture, "The Meeting of Esau and Jacob," by G. F. Watts, R.A., has been lent to the Newcastle Corporation and to the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, for inclusion in Memorial Exhibitions of Works by the deceased artist.

Two large oil-paintings, "Passing to Eternity" and "The Awakening," by Mr. A. E. Emslie, A.R.W.S., presented to the Corporation by the artist, through the kind influence of Sir William Mather, have been received from you by your Committee.

The following pictures, for many years exhibited upon the walls of the galleries, have been removed by the executors of the late Mr. Charles J. Galloway, who had lent them to your Committee :—

- "The Intrusion," by Mark Fisher.
- "Village on the Cam," by Mark Fisher.
- "First Day of January," by R. G. Somerset.
- "Late Autumn," by Leslie Thompson.
- "Flood on the River," by Anderson Hague.
- "Rye on the Rother, Sussex," by Leslie Thompson.
- "Bracken-Gatherers," by Anderson Hague.
- "Carnedd Llewellyn," by H. Clarence Whaite, P.R.C.A.
- "Driving Cattle Home in Normandy," by Mark Fisher.
- "Straits of Mona," by Leslie Thompson.
- "Harvesting Peas," by Leslie Thompson.
- "Landscape," by Mark Fisher.
- "Resting from Labour," by Anderson Hague.
- "A Favourite Shade," by R. G. Somerset.
- "Sleep," by Mark Fisher.
- "Haymaking near Conway," by Anderson Hague.
- "Washing Float on the Rhene," by F. Roman.
- "On Guard," by Anderson Hague.

Considerable attention has been paid to the various collections, and many technical descriptive labels have been prepared and printed.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

Upon receiving the approval of the Council to utilise the mansion at Buile Hill, for the purposes of a public museum, your Committee carefully

considered the best means to that end. Structural alterations have been made, converting groups of small chambers into large rooms, widening existing doorways and opening out new ones, so as to convert the dwelling into a museum for public resort.

The transfer and re-arrangement of the Natural History collections is proceeding; and it is anticipated that the building will be open for public use early in the New Year.

DONATIONS.

Bell, Professor—

Specimens of the miner's worm (*Ankylostoma*), and descriptive labels as used in the British Museum Natural History Department.

Ertkamp, Mr. George—

Spear, serrated with shark's teeth, Kingsmill Islands.

Emslie, Mr. A. E., A.R.W.S.—

Two large oil paintings (the artist's own work), "The Awakening" and "Passing to Eternity." *Per* Sir William Mather.

Knowles, Sir Lees, Bart., M.P.—

Three wooden pipes (elm trunks), old city water supply, from excavations in Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London, W.

Millard, Mr. Alfred—

Some specimens of the spiney echinus, dredged in the Atlantic, Lat. $51^{\circ} 46' 14''$ N., Long. $10^{\circ} 32' 45''$ W., depth 120 fathoms.

Ridyard, Mr. A.—

Seven baskets, West Africa.

Frame for loom, Jella Coffee.

Two earthen pots, Grand Popo, Dahomey.

PURCHASES.

Japanese domestic clock.

Sixteen ethnographical objects, Somaliland and Basutoland.

Photographs of British trees, showing summer and winter appearance and the boles.

Classical statues ; Casts—

Strangford's "Apollo."
 Satyr Marsyas, after Myron
 Discobolus, Naucydes.
 Menander.
 Apoxyomenus.
 Aphrodite of Cnidus.
 Hermes Reposing. Facsimile.
 Wounded Amazon, after Polyclitus.
 Diadumenus Farnese.
 Faun, Praxiteles.
 Apollo Sauroctonus.
 Doryphorus.

Italian Renaissance statues ; Casts—

Virgin and Child, by Michaelangelo.
 Cupid, by Michaelangelo.
 St. George, by Donatello.
 David, by Verrocchio.
 St. Francis, by Donatello.
 Jason, after Michaelangelo.

LOANS.

Cooper, Mr. Byron—

Oil Painting (the artist's own work), "Queen of the Night,
 Unveil."

National Gallery, Trustees of the—

Oil Painting, "London River," by Mr. C. Napier Hemy, A.R.A.,
 purchased under the terms of the Chantrey Bequest.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS AND LECTURES.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the re-arrangement of the books in the Reference Library, where the Dewey system of classification and notation is with much success being adopted. The system allows of a close classification of the books, and insures a high standard of efficiency in arrangement and rapidity of service.

On Thursday, 6th April, the Mayor, Alderman Sir William Stephens, opened, on behalf of your Committee, the new Leicester Road Branch. The building was presented to the Corporation by Mr. Samuel Holland, J.P., together with the surrounding grounds, known as "The Elms," subject only to chief rent. It comprises an ample general reading room with accommodation for over 30 persons; a reading room for women, where upwards of twenty find accommodation; and a large recreation room where men play chess, draughts and dominoes, and are permitted to smoke. The appreciation of the public is marked, and amply justifies the provision of this the eighth branch establishment connected with the Public Library administration of the Borough.

The quality of the stock of books in each library has been well sustained by careful selection from the year's output of new writings; and the total number in the libraries has been increased by 2,006 volumes. The following statement shows at a glance the number of volumes added to each library:—

Libraries.	New Books.	Replacements.
Reference Library.....	563 —
Lending Library, Peel Park	429	..... 83
Greengate Branch	455	..... 37
Regent Road Branch.....	412	..... 67
Pendleton Branch	326	..... 232
Albert Park Branch	508 151
Weaste Branch	602 4
The Height Branch	464 10
	<hr/> 3,759	<hr/> 584
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	Total, 4,343 volumes.	

The number of volumes of music issued during the year has amounted to 3,976, as compared with 2,850 last year. This evidence of increasing public appreciation of the inclusion of music in the library stock is encouraging, and your Committee purpose extending the system, and strengthening the existing stock wherever necessary.

Your Committee have for some time felt that a public benefit would be served by enabling and encouraging young persons in their later school years

to borrow from the public libraries, and thus acquire the reading habit, which is of such value in after years. With this end in view they have removed the restriction imposed by the age limit of borrowers, have substantially increased the stock of literature for the young, and are publishing for each lending library a catalogue of books specially chosen for juvenile use. Your Committee have reason to hope that considerable advantage of this new development will be taken by the younger members of the community.

All the Libraries, Reading rooms and Recreation rooms have been maintained in a state of efficiency; and at the Regent Road, Albert Park, Charlestown, Weaste and Leicester Road Branches, incandescent gas fittings have been introduced with most satisfactory results.

The number of borrowers of books for home reading has increased to 10,549 from a total of 9,790 last year. The following increases are to be noticed: Peel Park, 73; Greengate, 39; Regent Road, 80; Pendleton, 165; Albert Park, 51; Weaste, 247; Height, 104; Total 759. Of this number, 260 represent young persons under 14 years of age, admitted during the last week of the municipal year; the remaining 499 being above that age. The increase during the past two years amounts to 1,271 borrowers, representing an increase of about 14 per cent.

The list of occupations of borrowers, given on a later page, is interesting and shows the various classes of persons who borrow books for home use.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries.....	125,862
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	298,810
3.—No. of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms	228,409
4.—No. of Readers of Newspapers and Magazines	1,328,486
Total.....	<u>1,981,567</u>

The above abstract, which shows an increase of 138,668 upon last year's returns, marks the growing use which the public make of the institutions placed under the control of your Committee. The total five years ago was 1,445,171, a number 536,396 less than that for the year with which this report deals.

The following is a list of Lectures given during the winter, under the auspices of your Committee :—

- 24th October.—Rev. F. F. Grensted, M.A. “Clouds, and how they are formed.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Worsley.
- 15th November.—Samuel Wells, Esq., F.R.G.S. “Across Africa in Search of Rome.”
- 29th November.—Rev. Priestley Prime. “Tolstoy and his Teaching.”
- 13th December.—John T. Smith, Esq., F.G.S. “The Lancashire Witches.”
- 10th January.—Charles B. Howdill, Esq., A.R.I.B.A. “English Ecclesiastical Architecture.”
- 24th January.—Henry Rose, Esq. “The Story of Sculpture.”
- 7th February.—Thomas London, Esq. “Mimicry and Protective Resemblance in Nature.”
- 21st February.—H. Grégorius Brown, Esq., B.C.P.E. “The Story of Bodily Exercise.”
- 7th March.—W. H. Golding, Esq. “Invisible Waves, and how to intercept them.”
- 21st March.—Frederick Lambert, Esq., F.R.G.S. “Marvels of the Subterranean Worlds : Jenolan Caves, N.S.W.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1904-5.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of, London ...	1
Bailey, Sir W. H.	1
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British Museum, Trustees of the	19
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
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<i>Daily Mail</i> , Proprietors of the	1
Dublin University	1
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Frowde, Henry, Esq., <i>per</i> Dr. E. A. W. Budge.....	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Black- pool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clap- ham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Enoch Pratt Library (Balti- more), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (Cali- fornia), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in- the-Fields, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, South- ampton, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newing- ton, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tyne- mouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster,	

Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.	
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews...	5
Macmillan and Company, Messrs.	8
Manchester Certified Industrial Schools	1
Manchester Corporation	12
Manchester Geological Society	1
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.....	2
Manchester Microscopical Society	2
Manchester Statistical Society	1
Mather and Crowther, Messrs., Limited	1
National Union of Teachers	1
Palmer, C. F., Esq.....	1
Patent Office Publications	190

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—Abolitionist, Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend, Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Bible Society Gleanings, Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade Journal, British Architect, Canadian Gazette, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Times, Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Gleaner, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, Clerks of Works Journal, Colliery Guardian, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times, Electrical Engineer, Electrician, Food and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Herald of Health, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Labour Gazette, Ladies' League Gazette, Laundry Journal, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Programme of Entertain-

ments, &c., Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Mission Field, Monthly Record of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Nature Notes, Navy League Journal, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Magazine, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printer's Engineer, Property List, Public Health Engineer, Socialist Standard, Son of Temperance, Textile Journal, Textile Recorder, Tool and Machinery Register, Travel, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued):—Caledonian, Cambrian, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Northern (Ireland), Great Southern and Western (Ireland), Great Western, Lancashire and Yorkshire, London and North Western, London, Chatham, and Dover, Metropolitan, Midland, Midland Great Western (Ireland), North British, North Eastern, South Eastern.

Robson, E. S. A., Esq., M.Sc.....	1
Royal Dublin Society	2
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal Institution of Great Britain.....	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution.....	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-sea Fishermen	8
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	1
Salford Corporation.....	36
Salford Royal Hospital	1
Shann, George, Esq.	1
Sherratt and Hughes, Messrs.	1
Smith, H. W., Esq.....	3
Smithsonian Institution ...	2

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
<i>Statist</i> , Proprietors of the	1
Swan Sonnenschein, Messrs., and Company, Limited	1
Swedenborg Society	9
Thompson, Messrs. W. P., and Company ..	1
United States Bureau of American Ethnology	1
United States National Museum	1
University Correspondence College	2
Victoria University of Manchester.....	1
Voysey, Rev. Charles, B.A.	3
Washington, Library of Congress	10
Watson, Dr. A. Spence	1
Worsley, Mr. Alderman (Map of England and Wales, mounted on linen.	

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1905.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-61	7163637	3390	2113	
1850	...	...	...	Museum opened in April.
1851	...	...	...	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1856	...	...	...	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balacava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
56 Years.	21,414,804	14,484	1,478	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, 1904-1905.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	22	2244	4	1265	26	3509	3509	102	316	135
December	22	2080	3	550	25	2630	6139	94	183	105
January	22	2870	5	1255	27	4125	10264	130	251	153
February	20	3465	4	2288	24	5753	16017	173	572	239
March	21	12984	3	2399	24	15383	31400	618	799	641
April	21	8103	5	3629	26	11732	42132	385	725	451
May	23	6186	4	3082	27	9268	52400	269	770	343
June	22	13413	4	3358	26	16771	69171	609	839	645
July	22	9884	5	4014	27	13398	82569	426	802	496
August	23	20578	4	3559	27	24137	106706	894	890	894
September	21	8798	4	2707	25	11505	118211	419	677	460
October	22	4924	5	2727	27	7651	125862	223	545	288
Totals, &c.	261	95029	50	30833	311	125862	125862	364	616	404

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.	August Bank Holiday.
2530	2259	3150

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
1012	2259	732	998	1018	1893	730	8642

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	49	14286	984	15270	311	4696	95
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	50	20971	...	20971	419	3056	61
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	50	15948	...	15948	318	4751	95
PENDLETON BRANCH.....	50	6451	75	6526	130	77	1
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	50	4782	579	5361	107	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS..	48	2904	208	3112	64	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	50	2393	519	2912	58	143	2
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	50	5048	1555	6603	132	56	1
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	30	2308	939	3247	108	...	...
Totals.....	...	75091	4859	79950	1647	12779	255
			79950				

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	TOTALS.
		Blue Bks. {7213} {1368}	1143	10591	...	3171	2696	1843	3329	3538	282	...	36468
Reference, Peel Park.....	1294												
Lending, Peel Park	251	163	179	784	258	693	868	810	672	436	5623	274	11011
Greengate Branch	240	190	192	1023	...	830	920	671	720	602	4483	...	9871
Regent Road Branch ...	262	136	261	795	97	497	735	619	684	518	3502	...	8106
Pendleton Branch	207	116	282	1031	111	567	642	610	586	266	4888	...	9306
Albert Park Branch.....	240	111	139	587	73	289	375	361	443	803	5593	...	9014
Waste Branch	79	60	110	323	...	154	244	196	219	453	2067	...	3905
Irlams o'th Height Branch	120	107	140	425	..	192	362	312	208	156	3243	...	5265
Totals.....	2693	9464	2446	15559	539	6393	6842	5422	6861	6772	29681	274	92946

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLAM'S OTH- HEIGHT BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING- ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)										
1850 to 1889.....	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1889-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	...	329598	1861
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	...	407767	102449
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	...	406126	
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	...	...	...	432728	
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	...	435867	1871
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	...	...	419951	121801
1896-7	66303	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	...	414791	1881
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	...	390266	176235
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	...	379007	
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	...	374875	1891
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	...	...	443516	198139
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	...	...	483418	
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78907	57650	86652	...	57773	...	...	491643	1901
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	...	62605	...	...	511612	220957
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	...	67916	...	...	527219	
Totals	3,163,954	2,403,513	2,499,900	3,043,061	2,091,531	1,375,701	...	304,715	264,002	...	15,146,377	Present Estimated. 231514
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1904-5 ..	5,567,467 185,303		243,495	243,618	102,125	96,371	102,364	245,133	62,185	47,892	1,328,486	

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park	1680	1465	1865	4893	1729	1641	31594	19351	1350	65568	217	301	185303	615
Greengate Branch	338	137	105	1245	443	945	6511	17683	2930	30337	98	307	2343495	793
Regent Road Branch	103	374	186	796	170	491	495	24922	1878	29415	97	302	243618	806
Pendleton Branch	19	39	41	103	72	94	142	18944	814	20268	66	306	102125	333
Albert Park Branch	6	19	10	58	13	19	7152	17885	83	25245	82	307	96371	313
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	102364	347
Waste Branch	51	126	28	226	202	131	13721	17392	342	32219	104	307	245133	798
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	22	99	33	256	69	116	364	24120	278	25357	82	308	62185	201
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	175	47892	273
Totals	2219	2259	2268	7577	2698	3437	59979	140297	7675	228409	746	...	1328486	4479

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Totals.												Days Open.
	Theology	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscel- laneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	
Peel Park.....	99	184	181	1237	1634	371	639	580	812	30016	35753	122	292
Greengate Branch	248	236	271	984	...	458	679	424	1741	29298	34339	115	297
Regent Road Branch	153	141	228	971	627	489	716	496	1533	42899	48253	160	301
Pendleton Branch	186	124	255	1119	770	709	1064	475	1463	37098	43263	146	295
Albert Park Branch	354	144	257	1249	1157	435	1102	610	1442	55313	62063	209	296
Waste Branch	258	174	271	1218	...	825	1070	417	4431	27033	35697	120	297
Irlams o'th' Height Br'ch.	184	248	201	927	...	431	950	432	1230	34839	39442	128	306
Totals	1482	1251	1664	7705	4188	3718	6220	3434	12652	256496	298810	1000	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

Lending Libraries.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	Manchester and Outlying Districts.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	319	268	86	28	23	36	226	129	93	312	332	286	80	62	760	1371
Greengate Branch...	177	196	90	33	28	3	94	189	44	200	340	3	163	21	527	1003
Regent Road Branch	282	359	176	77	38	33	195	253	121	396	740	210	...	15	965	1782
Pendleton Branch...	389	209	139	62	38	42	294	210	77	298	15	838	5	21	879	1604
Albert Park Branch.	392	349	190	88	76	135	325	121	181	603	3	1	1175	51	1230	2387
Waste Branch	172	175	102	46	28	28	87	98	95	271	...	551	...	...	551	1135
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	183	202	124	61	65	111	95	66	210	375	12	658	...	76	746	1267
Totals	1914	1758	907	395	296	388	1316	1066	821	2455	1442	2547	1423	246	5658	10549

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Able Seaman.....	1	—	Cooks.....	3	2
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and			Cooper.....	1	—
Clerks.....	513	58	Coppersmith.....	1	—
Acid Maker.....	1	—	Cork Cutters.....	2	—
Actress.....	—	1	Corset Maker.....	—	1
Agents and Collectors.....	42	—	Costumiers.....	—	9
Apprentices, Office Boys, and			Cutler.....	1	—
Messengers.....	426	—	Cycle Maker.....	1	—
Architects and Surveyors.....	8	—	Dairymen.....	4	—
Army Pensioner.....	1	—	Dentists.....	4	—
Art Teacher.....	1	—	Designers.....	8	—
Artists.....	7	4	Dispensers of Medicine.....	1	1
Asphalter.....	1	—	Domestic Servants.....	—	25
Auctioneer and Valuer.....	1	—	Drapers and Haberdashers.....	14	9
Bakers.....	11	—	Draughtsmen.....	18	—
Barrister.....	1	—	Draughtswoman.....	—	1
Billiard Markers.....	4	—	Dress and Mantle Makers.....	—	91
Blacksmiths and Strikers.....	15	—	Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico		
Board of Trade Inspector.....	1	—	Printers.....	23	—
Boiler Maker.....	1	—	Electricians.....	37	—
Bookbinders.....	3	2	Electroplater.....	1	—
Booksellers and Stationers.....	7	—	Embosser.....	1	—
Bootmakers and Dealers.....	14	2	Embroiderers.....	—	4
Brewer.....	1	—	Enameller.....	—	1
Bricklayers and Masons.....	10	—	Enders and Menders.....	—	4
Brickmaker.....	1	—	Engineers, Civil.....	14	—
Broker.....	1	—	Engineers, Mechanical.....	62	—
Brushmaker.....	1	—	Engravers.....	12	—
Builders and Contractors.....	2	—	Factory Operatives.....	42	68
Butchers.....	14	—	Fancy Box Makers.....	—	7
Butler.....	1	—	Fancy Paper Workers.....	—	2
Cable Maker.....	1	—	Fishmongers.....	4	—
Cap Makers.....	—	8	Fitters and Mechanics.....	44	—
Caretakers.....	9	1	Florists.....	—	3
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet			Folders and Sewers.....	—	11
Makers.....	68	—	Foremen and Forewoman.....	7	1
Carriers.....	5	—	French Polishers.....	7	—
Carters, Vanmen, etc.....	22	—	Furnacemen.....	9	—
Cashiers.....	19	1	Furrier.....	—	1
Chainmakers.....	2	—	Gardeners.....	10	—
Chemists and Druggists.....	20	1	Gas Inspectors.....	3	—
Cigar and Cigarette Makers.....	—	4	Glass Blowers and Cutters.....	4	—
Civil Service Officials.....	2	—	Gold Beater.....	1	—
Clergymen and Ministers.....	10	—	Governesses.....	—	3
Cloggers.....	2	—	Greengrocers.....	4	4
Cloth Stampers.....	2	—	Grocers.....	44	4
Clothiers.....	3	—	Hairdressers.....	13	—
Coach Builders.....	3	—	House Furnishers.....	2	—
Coach Painters.....	3	—	Housekeepers.....	—	14
Coachmen and Grooms.....	11	—	Inland Revenue Officer.....	1	—
Coal Miners.....	10	—	Insurance Inspectors.....	2	—
Colour Mixers.....	2	—	Iron and Brass Founders,		
Commercial Travellers.....	30	—	Moulders, etc.....	113	—
Confectioners.....	1	16	Ironmongers.....	2	—

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Journalists	5	—	Rubber Workers	7	—
Labourers and Porters	166	—	Saddler and Harness Maker ...	1	—
Lacquerer	1	—	Salesmen	48	—
Lady's Help	—	1	Saleswomen	—	17
Lamp Shade Maker	—	1	Sawyers	4	—
Laundresses	—	5	School Attendance Officers ...	2	—
Lay Reader	1	—	School Children	85	31
Licensed Victuallers	2	1	Schoolmasters and Mistresses	11	11
Linguist	1	—	School Teachers	28	180
Lithographers	4	—	Secretaries	2	—
Locksmith	1	—	Sempstresses	—	5
Machinists	5	69	Shearer	1	—
Makers-up and Packers	41	9	Shirt Maker	—	1
Managers and Manageresses ...	16	8	Shop Assistants	28	29
Manufacturers and Merchants	17	—	Shopkeepers	4	4
Married	—	557	Shroud Makers	—	2
Matrons	—	5	Slater	1	—
Midwife	—	1	Solicitors	2	—
Milliners	—	19	Stockkeepers	16	—
Millwright	1	—	Stokers	5	—
Mission Worker	—	1	Students	11	4
Motormen	8	—	Sugar Boiler	1	—
Musicians	10	6	Surgical Instrument Maker ...	1	—
None or Not Stated	418	960	Tailoresses	—	44
Nurses	—	12	Tailors and Outfitters	17	—
Oil Refiner	1	—	Telephone Operators	—	7
Optical Instrument Makers ...	3	—	Theatrical Property Maker ...	1	—
Packing-case Makers	7	—	Timekeepers	1	1
Painters and Decorators	32	—	Tin Plate Workers	2	—
Paper Bag Maker	—	1	Tobacconists	5	2
Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.....	6	1	Townsmen	1	—
Paper Sorter	—	1	Tram Conductors, etc.....	18	—
Pattern Makers	17	—	Tripe Dressers	3	—
Paviors	3	—	Trunk Makers	3	1
Pawnbrokers	19	—	Typists	1	50
Photographers	3	—	Umbrella Maker	—	1
Physicians and Surgeons	3	—	Upholsterers	2	1
Plasterer	1	—	Waiters and Waitresses	6	10
Plumbers and Glaziers	19	—	Warehousemen	102	—
Police Officers	16	—	Watch and Clock Makers	8	—
Post Office Employés	30	3	Water Inspector	1	—
Printers, Compositors, and			Waterproof Garment Makers...	16	—
Feeders	51	8	Wheelwrights	8	—
Railway Employés	19	—	Wire Drawers	3	—
Relieving Officer	1	—	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	4	—
Rubber Tyre Maker	—	1			

Males 3223
 Females..... 2435

Total..... 5658

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, AND MANDLEY PARKS.

The whole of the above parks have been maintained in a satisfactory condition, and several additional facilities have been provided, during the past year, for the use and enjoyment of the visitors.

The trees, shrubs, and flowering plants have received constant attention, and the display of both spring and summer bedding-out was exceptionally good for this locality.

The parks have been very fully used and appreciated, and although the Buile Hill and Mandley Parks attract very large numbers of visitors, there is no apparent falling off in the use of the older parks, and full advantage has been taken of enjoying such outdoor amusements as bowling, tennis, football, cricket, the gymnasium, and music.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received constant attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Wallness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Cook Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, Dean Road, The Height, King Street, and the Crescent Land.

The larger recreation grounds are very fully used, and are of great service to the youth of the Borough, but several of the smaller grounds are a continual source of trouble, and serve no good purpose.

The Height Recreation Ground was temporarily opened during the school holidays in the summer, and very full use was made of the grass playgrounds and gymnasium. This playground will be ready for general use early in the new year.

Another important work now in hand is the laying-out of Regent Square as a garden recreation ground. This also will be ready for opening early next year.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the bowling greens have been kept in excellent order, and the pastime is still increasing in popularity. The weather during the latter part of the summer was not favourable for the game, but the receipts are higher than any previous season, and the whole of the ten greens have been used to their fullest capacity.

The total receipts from the bowling greens during the past season are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Peel Park	43	14	8
Buile Hill (two greens).....	90	16	4
Albert Park	53	6	6
Ordsall Park (two greens)	78	2	10
Charlestown Recreation Ground	34	15	8
King Street (The Height).....	32	5	8
Mandley Park (two greens)	56	14	8
	<u>£389</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

as against £368 19s. 10d. last year from nine bowling greens.

The total number of persons using the bowling greens during the season was 46,778, as against 44,279.

LAWN TENNIS.

The tennis courts at Buile Hill have been kept in very good condition, and these public courts are gaining in popularity. A number of courts have been laid at Albert and Mandley Parks, and these will be available for next summer.

The total receipts from the tennis grounds during the past season are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Buile Hill	34	2	8
Albert Park	1	4	4
	<u>£35</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

as against £27 19s. 2d. last year.

The total number of persons using the tennis grounds during the season was 4,242, as against 3,355 last year.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

There have been 94 band performances during the summer.

An experiment was tried by providing bands in the various parks on Saturday evenings ; these performances were not well attended, with the exception of Buile Hill and moderately at Albert Park.

The usual week-night performances were well attended, and attracted many thousands of people to the parks.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Band.
 Swinton Prize Brass Band.
 South Salford Silver Prize Band.
 Irwell Street Prize Band.
 Eccles Military Band.
 Th' Height Prize Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Brass Band.
 Manchester Scottish Pipe Band.
 Ardwick Industrial School Brass Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges Brass Band.

	£	s.	d.
at a total cost of	266	12	0
Police Attendance	15	19	2
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	£282	11	2
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PEEL PARK COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Exhibition was held in Peel Park on the 4th, 5th, and 7th of August last.

It was a very successful exhibition, and a new feature was added by offering prizes for the best grown creeper on the outside wall of a house ; also for the best window box outside. This caused a considerable increase in the number of exhibitors.

The number of plants sold in connection with this work was 8,300, against 8,460 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes £95 19s. 6d., against £80 9s. last year.

In the attendance of visitors, there was a great falling off, owing to the heavy rain on Bank Holiday ; the numbers are 15,000, against 23,000 last year.

The Mayor (Alderman Sir William Stephens) opened the exhibition, and he was supported by the Chairman and members of the Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the show.

The task of awarding the prizes was placed in the hands of competent judges, and resulted in general satisfaction. The judges and others commented upon the good quality of the exhibits and the general good done in the homes of the workers in the Borough by this part of the Committee's work.

Special prizes were again given by the Mayor, of the value of £2 ; by Mr. C. J. Heywood, of the value of £2 2s.; by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli), £2 ; and by Mrs. Leo Grindon, £1 1s. These prizes create very keen competition, and are very highly appreciated by the exhibitors.

GENERALLY.

The principal alterations, improvements, and repairs carried out during the past year are included in the following summary :—

PEEL PARK.

6,000 square yards of roadways have been re-gravelled with 320 loads of gravel carted from Regent Square.

The park railings, from the Technical School to the Victoria Arch, have been painted and the spear heads gilded, and 400 yards of fencing by Walness Lane painted.

BUILE HILL.

The tennis lawn has been extended, giving space for three additional courts.

A shelter has been extended by adding a dressing room at each end for the use of the tennis players.

The kitchen portion of the large house has been adapted for use as refreshment rooms, and a large verandah built as an open tea room.

The boys and girls' gymnasia have been completed, and conveniences built. The gymnasia was open for use during the children's summer holidays.

1,000 yards of asphalte laid.

A bathroom and washhouse added to the lodge at Seedley Road entrance.

ALBERT PARK.

The new bowl house and shelter has been completed.

A new tool house and shed has been built, and a portion of the park which was laid out in walks and shrubberies has been cleared, levelled, and grassed over for use as tennis grounds, and preparations are being made for building a shelter and dressing rooms for the players.

ORDSALL PARK.

The boundary fences have been extensively repaired, and the whole of them painted.

MANDLEY PARK.

The formation of the second bowling green has been completed, and the relaying of a lawn sufficient for two tennis courts.

The coach house and harness room has been altered and adapted for use as gardener's dwelling house.

TH'-HEIGHT RECREATION GROUND (FARMERS' LANE).

The boys and girls' gymnasia have been made, and the apparatus fixed.

Conveniences for males and females have been built, and about 1,000 lineal yards of roadways excavated and cindered.

A large swampy hole has been levelled up by the use of over 4,000 loads of soil, &c., and 400 yards of 6-inch drains laid.

This playground was used by the children during both the Whitsuntide and the summer holidays.

REGENT SQUARE GARDEN RECREATION GROUND.

326 lineal yards of boundary wall and fencing, with five entrance gates, has been built and fixed.

A shelter, a six-stall urinal, and a tool house and yard has been built.

2,000 square yards of walks prepared for asphalte and 270 yards of drains laid, and all the borders have been prepared and are ready for planting.

OLDFIELD ROAD RECREATION GROUND.

The Salford War Memorial has been erected on a portion of this playground, the railings have been set back and the whole of the space flagged.

(Signed), ALFRED WORSLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

Museum, Peel Park,
Salford,
31st October, 1905.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1905-1906.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Alderman Sir William Stephens, J.P.

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* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

‡ Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	George Ertkamp, <i>Attendant.</i>
J. E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	William Trevor, "
George Preston, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

James Whitelegg, <i>Senior Attendant.</i>	Plumpton Mitcham, <i>Attendant.</i>
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PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
J. H. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*
A. Wadsworth, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian.*
John Bray, *Senior Assistant*
W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. J. Hewitt, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Thomas Noble ,,

REGENT ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>	A. Smith, <i>Assistant.</i>
Enoch Stone, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	S. Cunningham ,,

PENDLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Charles H. Crossley, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. M'Intosh, <i>Assistant.</i>
Francis Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Archd. Swindells, <i>Assistant.</i>

ALBERT PARK BRANCH LIBRARY.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>	Alice Ingall, <i>Assistant.</i>
Charles F. Dockray, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Agnes Smith ,,

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Attendant.*

WEASTE BRANCH LIBRARY.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>	John Burgess, <i>Assistant.</i>
E. Whitelegg, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Joseph Taylor, <i>Evening Attendant.</i>

IRLAM'S O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH LIBRARY.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, <i>Librarian.</i>	W. Grindley, <i>Assistant.</i>
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Albert E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	

LEICESTER ROAD READING-ROOMS.

Francis Harl, *Attendant.*

PUBLIC PARKS.

ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1906, the fifty-eighth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum in Peel Park.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

The utilisation of the mansion at Buile Hill Park for museum purposes has enabled your Committee to make a signal improvement in the disposition of the various collections which are in their custody. By the transference thence of the entire National History Section, valuable exhibition space has been released in Peel Park, of which advantage has been taken for the re-arrangement of part of the Art Collections.

Some simple structural alterations have been effected which improve the light and facilitate the public use of the two rooms D and E. From these rooms the collections of birds and shells have been removed, and the ceramic and metalwork collections have taken their place. The British pottery and porcelain occupy almost the whole of Room D, and on the walls are fixed some fine facsimile examples of Della Robbia ware.

Here also is exhibited the collection of early English pottery figures, kindly lent to the museum by the owners, Messrs. Frank Falkner and E. J. Sidebotham. This collection is probably the most complete that has ever been brought together, and the catalogue, written by the owners, and published by your Committee in conjunction with them, may be regarded as the standard text book upon this hitherto neglected section of the history of the art and craft of the English potter.

The European and Oriental pottery and porcelain are arranged in Room E, where also are now exhibited the arms and armour, and the gold, silver, and bronze work, besides the loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The transference hither of these objects from Room A has relieved the floor of that room of the presence of show-cases, and the Committee have thus now two large galleries, instead of one, devoted solely to the fine arts of painting and sculpture.

The change has also made possible a more satisfactory and comprehensive arrangement of the sculpture throughout the building, by placing the pieces of Greek sculpture approximately in order of chronological sequence, and separating them entirely from Renaissance and modern works, which latter are now exhibited mainly in Rooms B and E.

The ample landing at the head of the main stairs, in harmony with the upper walls, is now entirely devoted to classical sculpture; and here, on the threshold of the metalwork section, are placed the Greek and Roman bronzes.

To the collection of oil paintings have been added by purchase two small and excellent examples of the work of Anderson Hague, R.C.A., R.I., and Edwin Hayes, R.H.A., R.I.—the former, a bright landscape, "A Peep at the Conway"; the latter, a realistic sea piece, "Making for Dover."

Mr. Edwin Burgis has lent for exhibition his picture, "The Land of Hiawatha," by Ernest Parton, an artist who is not represented in the permanent collections.

The series of ninety-six oil paintings and water-colour drawings by Mr. Byron Cooper, illustrating "Tennyson's Country," have been exhibited—a loan from the artist—during the six summer months.

The loan collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, and now consists of Chinese porcelain, Indian pottery, German, French, and Italian ironwork, and English silversmiths' work.

A bequest by the late Mr. Peter Edwin Ingham adds to the collections a handsome two-handled silver cup with cover, repoussé and chased, "Manchester and Salford Regatta, 1847, Pomona Cup," London Hall Mark, 1846.

During a portion of the year the following pictures were absent from the galleries :—" Meeting of Esau and Jacob," by G. F. Watts, R.A., on loan to the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh ; and " Still Waters Run Deep," by Edward H. Fahey, R.I., on loan to the Burnley Corporation, Towneley Hall.

A new edition (7th) of the handbook to the Fine Arts Section was published during the year.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

The plan of occupation adopted by your Committee for the Natural History Museum places upon the ground floor the entire mineralogical and geological collections, upon the first floor the ornithological collections, and on the second floor the marine and botanical sections.

The mineralogical and geological collections are arranged generally as they were at the Peel Park Museum, but owing to the greater space at the Committee's disposal, the sequence of groups is now more easily followed. Some large and important specimens, for which room at the Peel Park Museum could not be found, are now available for the student's use.

Through the kindness of the London and North-Western Railway Company, several large photographs have been added which illustrate the influence of running water in effecting geological changes. An important model has been made which exhibits the relative distances and masses of the sun, earth, and moon, and the relative distance of the nearest fixed star.

The British birds have been arranged upon the system adopted by Dr. Bowdler Sharpe, while the foreign birds have also been re-arranged. The renewal and remounting of several of the specimens is now being put in hand. Attention will in due course be paid to the marine biological specimens.

Your Committee have been able to add to the museum an attractive and useful section. This consists of a series of nineteen British trees, illustrated by means of photographs, which show in each instance a type specimen in winter and in summer, besides photographs of the boles and details such as leaves, flowers, and fruit. It is hoped to exhibit in show-cases, in connec-

tion with these, the barks and various sections of the trees themselves, as well as dried specimens of the tree details. Through the kind co-operation of Messrs. Ashton and Schofield, sections and bark have already been supplied in the case of six trees. The whole, when finished, will form a very complete and instructive object lesson in the nature, growth, and use of familiar British trees.

On the second floor are also exhibited several photographs, showing wild birds in their homes.

All the specimens in the building have been thoroughly cleaned and re-arranged, the shells being treated with a preservative oil.

On Wednesday, 30th May, Mr. Alderman Worsley (Chairman of your Committee) presiding, the Mayoress of Salford, Mrs. Frankenburg, in a happy speech declared the building open for public use; and Mr. Alderman Phillips, Chairman of the Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee, explained the plans and projects of the Committee.

Your Committee are gratified to know that considerable use has already been made of the museum by classes of scholars, accompanied by their teachers. The attendance of the public has been large, the building being sometimes completely thronged with visitors; and the new interest that has been awakened in the various branches of natural history is both marked and encouraging.

DONATIONS.

Ashton, Messrs. F., and John Schofield—

Eighteen sections of trees and six specimens of their barks.

Section of large Nicaraguan mahogany tree.

Clifton and Kearsley Coal Company—

Vertical section of Trencherbone Mine.

Heath, Mrs.—

Lace-worker's pillow, with lace in process of manufacture.

Hodgson, Stanley, M.D.—

Three fetishes (pottery) from Kabensi, Gold Coast Colony.

Dagger with sheath, Ashanti.

Larmuth, L. H. Esq.—

Two specimens of Cassowary egg.

Ridyard, Arnold, Esq.—

Two gourd vessels, Karo, West Africa.

One gourd vessel, Bida, West Africa.

Iron bell, Gimini, West Africa.

Charm, Pessey Country, Hinterland, Liberia.

Fisherman's hat, Bonny.

Comb, Garroway, Liberia.

Enema, Liberia.

Spiff, T. E., Esq., per A. Ridyard, Esq.—

Poor man's hat, Southern Nigeria.

Tannock, R., Esq., per A. Ridyard, Esq.—

Manilla.

PURCHASES.

Oil Painting, "A Peep at the Conway," by Anderson Hague,
R.C.A., R.I.

Oil Painting, "Making for Dover," by Edwin Hayes, R.H.A., R.I.

Eskimo composite bow.

Eskimo throwing-stick.

Australian arrow-head of glass.

New Guinea ear-ring and rattle.

Solomon Islands adze-head of stone.

Congo woman's dress.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS AND LECTURES.

Twelve months ago your Committee determined that the benefits to be derived from the Lending Libraries should be extended to young persons in their later school-days, so that with the approval of their teachers they might have the opportunity of acquiring the reading habit, which is of such immense value. The age limit of fourteen years was consequently removed, the stock of literature for the young was increased, and a special catalogue issued for each library. The hope of your Committee that advantage of this develop-

ment would be taken by the younger members of the community has been amply fulfilled, as is shown by the following statement :—

NO. OF BORROWERS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES
OF BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Lending Library.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Books Issued.
Peel Park	143 ...	59 ...	202 ...	1,718
Greengate	158 ...	53 ...	211 ...	6,232
Regent Road	192 ...	109 ...	301 ...	6,009
Pendleton	325 ...	131 ...	456 ...	14,546
Albert Park	440 ...	271 ...	711 ...	21,571
Weaste	170 ...	92 ...	262 ...	12,221
The Height	105 ...	62 ...	167 ...	6,602
	<u>1,533</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>2,310</u>	<u>68,899</u>

Encouraged by the success which has attended the establishment of recreation rooms in the Charlestown, Weaste and Leicester Road Branches, your Committee are bringing into public use the large upper room at the Regent Road Branch.

To this room they are transferring the lending library department, and are converting into a recreation room the vacated apartment on the ground floor. By the addition of some supplemental stands in this room, the number of newspapers available for use will be increased, and the inconvenience caused by crowding round the stands in the present reading room will be to that extent mitigated. Here, also, games of chess, draughts, and dominoes will be provided, and men will be allowed to smoke and quietly converse.

A further advantage of this change is the fact that the small apartment next the entrance is no longer to be used as a women's reading room. Women readers will in future occupy portion of the large and airy lending library.

Your Committee have been compelled to increase the accommodation for books at the Weaste Branch Library, where during the past five years

the stock has grown from 1,480 to 4,272 volumes, and the issues for home reading from 9,341 to 48,571.

The Greengate Branch has been brought into line with other Libraries by the introduction of incandescent gas fittings.

The supply of newspapers and magazines has been increased in some of the Reading Rooms where a reasonable demand was known to exist.

The number of volumes, replacements and new, added to the libraries is shown in the following statement:—

Library.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	— ...	602 ...	602
Lending, Peel Park	87 ...	284 ...	371
Greengate	56 ...	270 ...	326
Regent Road.....	142 ...	299 ...	441
Pendleton	65 ...	227 ...	292
Albert Park	158 ...	163 ...	321
Weaste	11 ...	368 ...	379
The Height	30 ...	263 ...	93
Totals	<u>549</u>	<u>2,476</u>	<u>3,025</u>

Your Committee observe a large increase in the total number of persons enrolled as active borrowers of books for home reading which this year is 13,087, as compared with 10,549 last year. Following upon this increase, which is distributed among all the lending libraries, the issue of books for home reading also shows a considerable advance upon last year's figures.

The following table marks these gratifying indications of progress:—

	Increase in No. of Borrowers.	Increase in No. of Issues for Home Reading.
Peel Park	295	2,688
Greengate	235	5,430
Regent Road	335	1,442
Pendleton	463	14,921
Albert Park	561	17,699
Weaste	456	12,874
The Height.....	193	7,782
Totals	<u>2,538</u>	<u>62,836</u>

Issued with this report is a chart, which graphically shows the fortnightly fluctuations in the number of issues of books, both for use in the reading rooms and for home reading. It will be seen that, while the number used in the reading rooms is fairly constant throughout the year, the fluctuations of issues from the home reading departments are considerable. During the fortnight in which the stock-taking week falls, the issues are naturally at their lowest. In holiday seasons, when borrowers are less inclined to read, and the libraries are partly closed, the decline in issues is again to be seen. The use of the libraries also is apparently less in summer than in winter.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park	110,052
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	361,646
3.—No. of Issues of Books for use in the Reading Rooms	233,033
4.—No. of Readers of Newspapers and Magazines	1,316,654
Total.....	<u>2,021,385</u>

The above abstract shows a net increase of 39,818 upon last year's returns. This is the first occasion upon which the total has reached two millions. A decrease of 15,810 is shown in the attendance of visitors at the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park. It must be remembered, however, that the Natural History Museum at Buile Hill now divides with the Art Galleries the interests which hitherto were combined in the older institution ; and the large attendance at the new museum, which has not been computed, would beyond question many times compensate for this decrease. In fact, the sum of the combined attendances would indicate a very large augmentation in the number of persons who, during the year, have visited the collections, both art and natural history, which are under the control of your Committee.

The following is a list of lectures given during the winter, under the auspices of your Committee :—

- 24th October.—R. S. Archer, Esq., F.R.S.S.A. “Through Scotland with Sir Walter Scott.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.
- 7th November.—F. W. Saxby, Esq. “The Spider as an Engineer.”

- 21st November.—Rev. Thomas Slevan. “The Ways of the Honey Bee.”
- 5th December.—W. R. Yardley, Esq., L.C.P. “An Evening with Shakespeare.”
- 19th December.—H. B. Knowles, Esq., M.A. “Illusions.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.
- 16th January.—Rev. Donald B. Fraser. “Robert Burns.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Burnley.
- 30th January.—Mr. Councillor Pennington. “Athens, Palestine, and Egypt.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.
- 13th February.—Ben. H. Mullen, Esq., M.A. “Stone in the service of Primitive Peoples.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor J. P. McDougall.
- 27th February.—W. Fitzwater Wray, Esq. “After an Ass and an Author ; or, Stevenson in the Cevennes.”
- 13th March.—J. J. Phelps, Esq. “Old Manchester and Salford.”
- 27th March.—Alfred Rogers, Esq. “Reminiscences of a Cycle-Touring Photographer.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1905-6.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of, London ...	1
Battersby, J., Esq.	8
Bridge, James Howard, Esq.	1
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science.....	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	11
Carson, J. G., Esq.	1
Christian Science Students' Association, Manchester	1
Church Missionary Society for Africa and the East.....	1
City and Guilds of London Institute.....	2
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester.....	1
Cornish, Messrs. J. E., Limited	1
<i>Daily Mail</i> , Proprietors of the	1

Dublin University	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
<i>The Faith</i> Press, Limited	7
Furnival, W. J., Esq.	1
Gillespie, Mrs. Honyman, Trustees of	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3

Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and

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Canadian Gazette, Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Times,
Child's Guardian, Christian Science Journal, Christian
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Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant,
Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, Clerks of
Works' Journal, Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative
News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer,
Drapers' Record, Educational Review, Educational Times,
Electrical Engineer, Electrician, Food and Cookery,
Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Garden City, Herald of
the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Herald of Health,
Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice,
Ladies' League Gazette, Laundry Journal, Liberator,
Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal,
London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian,
Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald,
Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Nature Notes, Navy
League Journal, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phreno-
logical Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist

Review, Printer's Engineer, Progress, Property List, Public Health Engineer, Socialist Standard, Textile Journal, Textile Recorder, Travel, Two Worlds, Univer- sity Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.	
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MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1906.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-61	7163637	3390	2113	
1850	...	...	...	Museum opened in April.
1854	...	...	...	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1856	...	...	...	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
57 Years.	21,524,856	14,797	1,454	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PELL PARK, 1905-1906.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	22	2075	4	1002	26	3077	3077	94	250	118
December	20	1983	5	772	25	2755	5832	99	154	110
January	23	2643	4	1340	27	3983	9815	115	335	147
February	20	5652	4	2749	24	8401	18216	282	687	350
March	22	3531	4	2631	26	6162	24378	160	637	237
April	21	8114	5	3130	26	11244	35622	386	625	432
May	23	4373	4	2218	27	6591	42213	190	554	244
June	22	14601	4	2963	26	17564	59777	663	740	675
July	22	9405	5	3562	27	12967	72744	427	712	480
August	22	16466	4	2755	26	19221	91965	748	688	739
September	21	9060	5	2884	26	11944	103909	431	576	459
October	23	4826	4	1317	27	6143	110052	209	329	227
Totals, &c.	261	82729	52	27323	313	110052	110052	316	525	351

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
2688	2141		4787	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
844	2141	1023	1004	637	1468	1538	8655

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	50	13447	1013	14460	289	4252	85
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	50	21663	...	21663	433	3284	65
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	49	15928	...	15928	325	4269	92
PENDELTON BRANCH	50	5207	101	5308	106	196	3
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	50	4318	711	5029	100	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS...	50	2620	162	2782	55	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	50	3542	590	4132	82	100	2
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	50	6949	1895	8844	176	75	1
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	50	3546	1584	5130	102	...	...
Totals.....	...	77220	6056	83276	1668	12176	248

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Embossed Books for the Blind.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1311	Blue Bks. {7641} {1529}	1148	10823	...	3201	2727	1864	3350	3616	288	...	37498
Lending, Peel Park	255	165	183	803	258	623	870	821	681	350	5685	274	10968
Greengate Branch	244	196	194	1050	...	837	930	685	733	622	4513	...	10004
Regent Road Branch ...	269	142	255	820	100	517	748	580	681	151	3738	...	8001
Pendleton Branch	210	123	286	994	111	579	656	618	603	281	4904	...	9365
Albert Park Branch.....	245	114	139	603	73	295	386	363	450	816	5664	..	9148
Waste Branch	93	68	110	348	...	163	259	206	230	481	2314	...	4272
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	140	121	141	446	..	207	380	323	227	172	3392	...	5549
Totals.....	2767	10099	2456	15887	542	6422	6956	5460	6955	6489	30498	274	94805

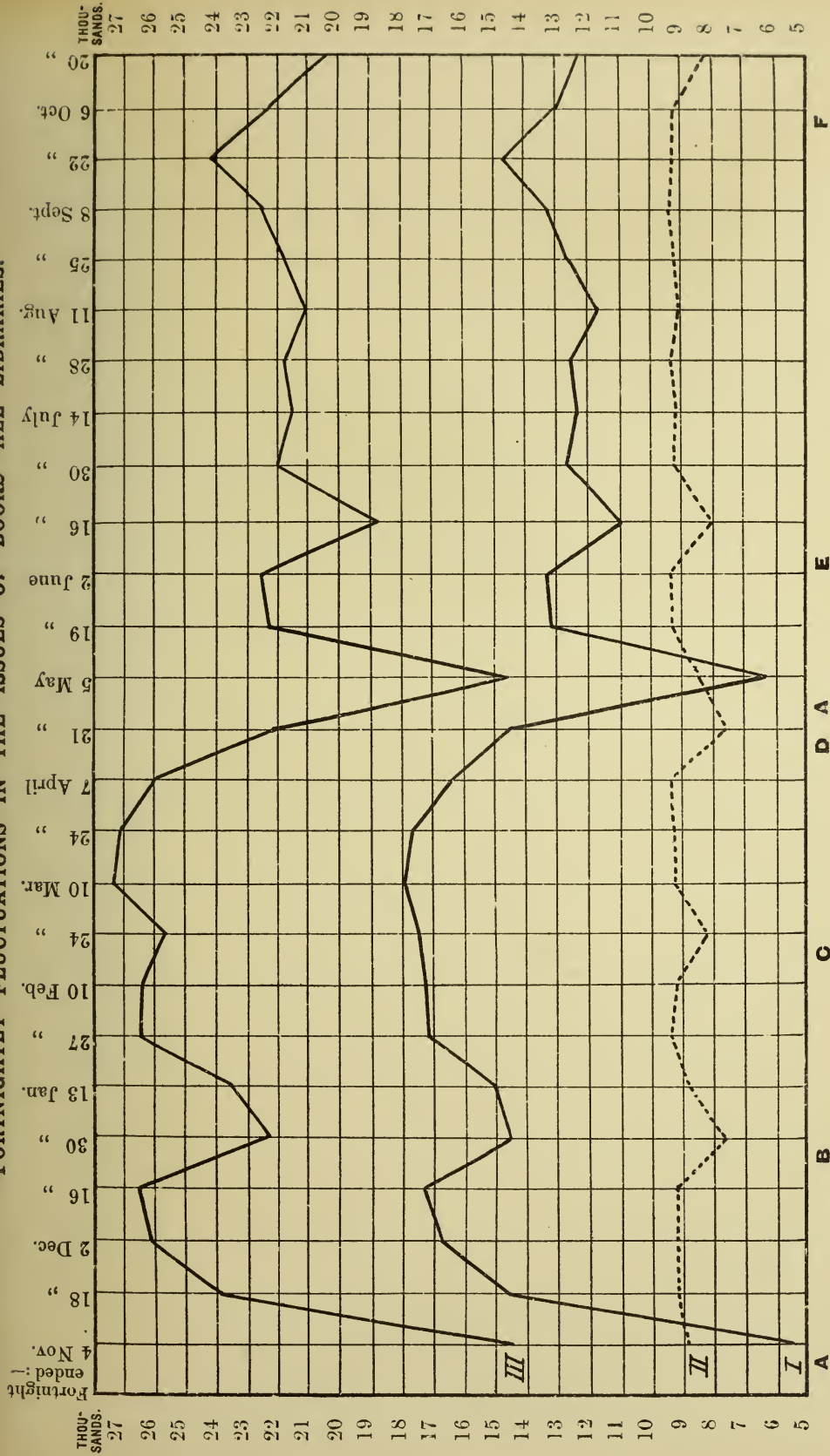
CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park	1743	1686	2147	5328	1806	1688	31025	19507	1635	67165	222	302	187129	619
Greengate Branch	344	148	119	1223	565	905	6538	17512	2622	29976	97	307	237202	772
Regent Road Branch	273	308	270	615	302	377	313	23292	1942	27692	99	278	238885	859
Pendleton Branch	23	91	48	243	115	139	323	18604	798	20384	66	307	83441	271
Albert Park Branch	40	8	16	75	25	22	7141	18357	94	25778	83	307	104529	340
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	84732	276
Weaste Branch	71	107	77	248	198	173	13855	20211	484	35154	114	307	228019	742
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	85	168	53	412	116	247	646	24721	436	26884	87	307	80589	262
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	72128	234
Totals	2579	2516	2730	8144	3127	3551	60171	142204	8011	233033	768	...	1316654	4375

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musical.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	TOTALS.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	148	252	261	1136	1145	277	883	595	635	33109	38441	132	290
Greengate Branch	118	203	241	1018	...	402	1052	462	1366	34907	39769	133	297
Regent Road Branch	170	131	248	718	425	358	824	372	1132	45317	49695	182	272
Pendleton Branch	224	196	389	1591	827	669	1211	572	1982	50323	58184	197	296
Albert Park Branch	436	223	443	1660	723	641	1643	838	1949	71206	79762	269	296
Weaste Branch	262	246	223	1329	...	984	1545	337	4962	38683	48571	158	307
Irlams o'th' Height Br'ch.	240	360	215	1159	...	474	1034	513	1630	41599	47224	159	297
Totals	1598	1611	2020	8611	3120	3805	8192	3689	13656	315344	361646	1230	...

FORTNIGHTLY FLUCTUATIONS IN THE ISSUES OF BOOKS—ALL LIBRARIES.



EXPLANATION: I. = Issue of Books for Home Reading, II. = Issue of Books for use in Reading Rooms, III = I. and II. combined.
 A = Stocktaking Week, when all books are returned to the Lending Libraries, B = Christmas Week, C = Temporary Partial Closing of Peel Park Libraries,
 D = Easter Week, E = Whit Week, F = Temporary Closing of Regent Road Branch Lending Library.

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

Lending Libraries.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	Manchester and Outlying Districts.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	488	261	88	24	23	28	401	117	125	269	515	241	108	48	912	1666
Greengate Branch...	398	175	86	29	23	...	253	172	48	238	481	5	205	20	711	1238
Regent Road Branch	534	284	152	58	40	9	427	204	123	323	781	276	2	18	1077	2117
Pendleton Branch...	675	240	157	63	27	34	479	237	64	416	38	1127	7	24	1196	2067
Albert Park Branch.	997	330	165	70	61	96	927	107	158	527	15	8	1625	71	1719	2948
Weaste Branch	426	174	119	61	36	25	211	124	137	369	...	841	...	...	841	1591
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	222	214	144	57	53	11	187	63	196	255	1	612	...	88	701	1460
Totals	3740	1678	911	362	263	203	2885	1024	851	2397	1831	3110	1947	269	7157	13087

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	466	65	Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	23	—
Agents and Collectors	41	—	Electric Meter Inspector	1	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	495	11	Electricians	44	—
Architects and Surveyors	4	—	Embossers	4	—
Artists	2	2	Embroiderers	—	3
Bakers	9	—	Enamellers	2	—
Blacksmiths and Strikers	13	—	Enders and Menders	—	4
Boiler Makers	2	—	Engineers, Civil	7	—
Bookbinders	6	3	Engineers, Mechanical	35	—
Booksellers and Stationers	6	3	Engravers	22	—
Bootmakers and Dealers	8	1	Factory Operatives	40	82
Bricklayers and Masons	16	—	Fancy Box Makers	1	5
Brokers	2	—	Fishmonger	1	—
Brushmaker	1	—	Fitters and Mechanics	79	—
Builders and Contractors	5	—	Florist	—	1
Butchers	17	1	Folders and Sewers	—	17
Cable Makers	2	—	Foremen and Forewomen	11	2
Cap Makers	2	5	French Polishers	8	3
Caretakers	5	3	Furnacemen	2	—
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	72	—	Furriers	—	2
Carters, Vanmen, etc.	4	—	Gardeners	6	—
Cashiers	8	1	Gas Inspectors	5	—
Cattle Dealer	1	—	Glass Blowers and Cutters	4	—
Chainmaker	1	—	Gold Beater	1	—
Chemists and Druggists	28	2	Governesses	—	5
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ..	—	8	Greengrocers	4	—
Civil Service Officials	3	—	Grocers	43	1
Clergymen and Ministers	16	—	Hairdressers	11	2
Cloggers	5	—	Housekeepers	—	84
Cloth Stampers	—	2	Insurance Inspectors	7	—
Coach Builders	5	—	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	91	—
Coach Painters	3	—	Ironmongers	2	—
Coachmen and Grooms	2	—	Jeweller	1	—
Coal Miners	9	—	Journalists	5	—
Commercial Travellers	43	—	Labourers and Porters	147	—
Commissionaire	1	—	Lady's Companion	—	1
Confectioners	4	17	Laundresses	—	3
Cooks	—	2	Lecturer	1	—
Cooper	1	—	Librarian	1	—
Coppersmith	1	—	Licensed Victuallers	4	—
Core Makers	3	—	Lithographers	9	—
Cork Sorter	—	1	Machinists	9	83
Corset Makers	—	2	Makers-up and Packers	26	10
Costumiers	—	3	Managers and Manageresses ..	31	4
Dairymaid	—	1	Manufacturers and Merchants	14	0
Dentists	5	—	Married	—	662
Designers	5	—	Matrons	—	4
Domestic Servants	—	80	Mill Furnisher	1	—
Drapers and Haberdashers	13	7	Milliners	—	42
Dranghtsmen	27	—	Millwrights	2	—
Dress and Mantle Makers	—	71	Mission Worker	—	1
			Missionary	1	—

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Motormen	5	—	Shirt Makers	—	3
Musicians	8	4	Shop Assistants	7	26
None or Not Stated	103	435	Shopkeepers	14	14
Nurses	—	18	Shroud Makers	—	3
Optician	1	—	Solicitor	1	—
Pad Maker	—	1	Stockkeepers	10	—
Painters and Decorators	17	—	Stokers	5	—
Paper Bag Makers	1	3	Students	12	10
Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.	8	1	Sugar Boilers	—	5
Paper Sorter	—	1	Surgical Instrument Maker ...	1	—
Pattern Card Maker	1	—	Tailoresses	—	24
Pattern Makers	19	—	Tailors and Outfitters	28	—
Paviors	2	—	Tea Packers	—	2
Pawnbrokers	8	—	Telephone Operators	1	12
Photographers	5	1	Theatrical Manager	1	—
Physicians and Surgeons	7	1	Timekeepers	7	—
Picture Frame Makers	3	—	Tin Plate Worker	1	—
Plasterers	4	—	Tobacco Sorter	—	1
Plumbers and Glaziers	30	—	Tobacconists	1	1
Police Officers	20	—	Townsmen	1	—
Post Office Employés	17	1	Tram Conductors, etc.	16	—
Potter	1	—	Trunk Maker	1	—
Printers, Compositors, and			Typists	2	28
Feeders	42	9	Umbrella Maker	—	1
Railway Employés	22	—	Upholsterers	2	2
Rope Maker	1	—	Velvet Sorter	1	—
Rubber Workers	4	4	Verger	1	—
Saddlers and Harness Makers	10	—	Vocalists	1	2
Salesmen and Buyers	45	—	Waiters and Waitresses	7	18
Saleswomen	—	26	Warehousemen	108	—
Sanitary Inspector	1	—	Watch and Clock Makers	4	—
School Attendance Officers ...	4	—	Waterproof Garment Makers...	21	1
School Children	1525	770	Wheelwright	1	—
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	17	10	Whitesmith	1	—
School Teachers	41	183	Wire Drawers	5	—
Sempstresses	—	6	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	6	—
Shearer	1	—			

Males 4217

Females..... 2940

Total..... 7157

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, AND MANDLEY PARKS.

The above parks have been maintained in a satisfactory condition, and several important improvements have been carried out during the past year to facilitate the general utility of the parks.

The trees and shrubs in Peel, Albert, and Ordsall Parks show very considerable signs of suffering and decay, and much replanting is urgently needed. It is satisfactory to note that the young trees and shrubs planted during recent years are growing fairly well.

The parks have been very fully used during the summer months, and full advantage has been taken of the facilities provided for the pleasure and enjoyment of the visitors.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely:—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Wallness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, Dean Road, The Height, King Street, the Crescent Land, and Regent Square.

The Height Recreation Ground was opened for the use of the public by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman I. Frankenburg, J.P., on May the 9th, and has been much used and appreciated since.

The Regent Square Garden Recreation Ground was opened for public use on the 21st of May by order of the Health Committee. The land has been laid out as a garden, and considering its situation has been highly satisfactory and a source of much pleasure to the residents in the district.

BOWLING GREENS.

The whole of the bowling greens have been kept in the best condition possible, considering the excessive wear and tear upon them. The pastime

is still increasing in popularity, and the necessity for increasing the accommodation is receiving the attention of your Committee. An order has already been given for the construction of another bowling green at Albert Park, and a new bowl house and shelter at the Charlestown Recreation Ground.

The total receipts from the bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Peel Park	50	7	0	.....	6,042
Buile Hill (two greens).....	111	0	0	.....	13,320
Albert Park	61	7	2	.....	7,363
Ordsall Park (two greens).....	89	4	4	.....	10,706
Charlestown	38	12	0	.....	4,632
King Street	33	4	4	.....	3,986
Mandley Park (two greens)	93	16	2	.....	11,257
	<u>£477</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>57,306</u>

as against £389 16s. 4d. last year.

The total number of persons using the bowling greens during the season was 57,306, as against 46,778 last year.

LAWN TENNIS.

The game of lawn tennis in the public parks is also very rapidly gaining in popularity, and both at Buile Hill and Albert Park the accommodation was not sufficient to meet the demand during the height of the season. Additional courts have been opened at Mandley Park and at The Height Recreation Ground.

The total receipts from the tennis grounds during the past season are as follows —

	£	s.	d.		Number of Players.
Buile Hill (six courts).....	42	0	4	.....	5,042
Albert Park (five courts).....	35	2	0	.....	4,212
Mandley Park (two courts).....	5	17	2	.....	703
The Height Recreation Ground (two courts)	3	14	8	.....	448
	<u>£86</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>10,405</u>

as against £35 7s. last year.

The total number of persons using the tennis grounds during the season was 10,405, as against 4,242 last year.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

During the past summer the band performances have been attended by many thousands of persons. An experiment has been tried at Buile Hill by placing seats to accommodate 500 persons around the band stand, for which a charge of one penny for each person was made. and the total receipts from the 25 performances given at this park was £5 3s. 1d.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Irwell Street Prize Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.
 The Central Hall Prize Band.
 Eccles Borough Prize Band.
 Swinton Prize Brass Band.
 The Pendlebury and Clifton Brass Band.

The number of performances given was 74, as against 94 last year—

	£	s.	d.
At a total cost of	296	0	0
Police attendance	12	15	4
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	£308	15	4
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as against £282 11s. 2d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The Annual Exhibition held in Peel Park on August 3rd, 4th, and 6th, was the twenty-fifth, and worthily marked a quarter of a century of useful work.

It was the most successful exhibition of the series, and excelled all previous exhibitions in quality, number of exhibits, amount given in prizes, and number of visitors.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Frankenburg), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Parks Sub-Committee, the members of the Museum, Libraries, and Parks Committee, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The difficult task of awarding the prizes was placed in the hands of competent judges, and gave general satisfaction.

The number of plants sold in connection with this work was 8,520, as against 8,300 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes was £104 0s. 6d., as against £95 19s. 6d. last year.

The attendance of visitors was 23,500, as against 15,000 last year.

Special prizes were again given by the Mayor, of the value of £2; by the late C. J. Heywood, Esq., of the value of £2 2s.; and by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli), £2. These prizes again caused very keen competition, and are highly appreciated by the exhibitors.

GENERALLY.

The principal alterations, improvements, and repairs carried out during the past year are included in the following summary:—

PEEL PARK.

New stables have been built, comprising four stalls, a loose box, a harness room, and a corn and hay storeroom.

The area around the band stand has been re-drained and asphalted—

4,000 superficial square yards of asphalt laid.

300 lineal yards of edging tiles fixed.

200 lineal yards of 4-inch drain pipes laid.

200 new seats have been made—

100 for Buile Hill.

25 for Regent Square.

25 for The Height Recreation Ground.

25 for Albert Park tennis ground.

25 for Ordsall Park.

A pit has been rebuilt, 45 feet by 7 feet, and a new frame and lights made for same.

The whole of the greenhouses have been repaired and painted outside.

4,500 superficial square yards of asphalte roadways have been tarred and sparred over.

All the park lodges and band stands have been painted.

BUILE HILL.

A new water main—1-inch lead pipes, 850 yards—to supply the greenhouses, garden, and drinking fountain has been laid.

300 superficial square yards of wood pavement has been laid under the swings.

Many of the principal trees in this park have been plainly labelled for the instruction of visitors.

One of the sand playgrounds provided for young children proved to be a nuisance, and it has been cleared away and the land planted with shrubs.

ALBERT PARK.

The tennis courts have been completed. A shelter with dressing rooms for ladies and gentlemen have been built.

1,500 superficial square yards of asphalte have been laid around the shelter and tennis courts, and 250 yards of new drains laid.

79 lineal yards of boundary wall on Great Clowes Street side has been rebuilt and the fence refixed, and 80 lineal yards pointed both sides.

A new three-stall urinal has been built near the library.

ORDSALL PARK.

The whole of the asphalte walks have been repaired, and 1,500 yards tarred and sparred.

MANDLEY PARK.

1,000 superficial square yards of asphalte have been laid around the

bowling greens, and a pair of large stone gate pillars fixed at the George Street entrance. 200 yards of boundary wall pointed (Bristol Street side).

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

750 superficial square yards of asphalte tarred and sparred.

170 new trees planted, and 3,000 superficial square yards of sods taken up and relaid.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

170 lineal yards of boundary wall pointed on both sides.

THE HEIGHT RECREATION GROUND.

A large shelter, 36 feet by 16 feet, has been built.

3,500 superficial square yards of pathways finished with red cinders.

2,000 lineal yards of edging tiles laid.

One drinking fountain fixed, and water main laid.

300 superficial square yards of wood pavement laid under swings.

200 lineal yards of 6-inch drains laid.

The building of a caretaker's lodge at the Farmer's Lane entrance is almost completed.

REGENT SQUARE GARDEN RECREATION GROUND.

Planted with trees and shrubs.

300 lineal yards of 3-feet 9-inch inner fences fixed.

2,000 superficial square yards of asphalte laid.

SEEDLEY COUNCIL SCHOOL.

Garden plots have been made and planted in the school yard.

(Signed) ALFRED WORSLEY,

CHAIRMAN

Peel Park, Salford,

31st October, 1906.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1906-1907.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Alderman Sir William Stephens, J.P.

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Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Alderman Rudman, J.P.

Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.

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Mr. Councillor Barker.

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Mr. Councillor Cruickshank.

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„ „ McDougall.

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„ „ Windsor, J.P.

* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

‡ Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	William Trevor, <i>Attendant.</i>
George Ertkamp, <i>Attendant.</i>	Frank Longshaw, „
Plumpton Mitcham, <i>Relief Attendant.</i>	
Frederick Hayes, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

James Whitelegg, *Senior Attendant.* | J. E. Mather, *Attendant.*

PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
J. H. Smith, *Senior Assistant.*
A. Wadsworth, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian*
John Bray, *Senior Assistant*
W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. J. Hewitt, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Thomas Noble „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>	A. Smith, <i>Assistant.</i>
Enoch Stone, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	S. Cunningham „

PENDLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Charles H. Crossley, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. M'Intosh, <i>Assistant.</i>
Francis Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Archd. Swindells, <i>Assistant.</i>

ALBERT PARK BRANCH LIBRARY.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>	Alice B. Ingall, <i>Assistant.</i>
Charles F. Dockray, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Agnes Smith „
Elsie M. Santon, <i>Assistant.</i>	

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Attendant.*

WEASTE BRANCH LIBRARY.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>	John Burgess, <i>Assistant.</i>
E. Whitelegg, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	George Preston, „
Joseph Taylor, <i>Evening Attendant.</i>	

IRLAMS O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH LIBRARY.

H. F. J. Hargreaves, <i>Librarian.</i>	W. Grindley, <i>Assistant.</i>
T. H. Barnfield, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	John Sheldon, „
Albert E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>	

LEICESTER ROAD READING-ROOMS.

Francis Harl, *Attendant.*

PUBLIC PARKS.

ALFRED WILSHER, SUPERINTENDENT.



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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1907, the fifty-ninth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum at Peel Park.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

During the year, a considerable amount of work has been effected among the collections. Several of the pictures have been removed from their frames and cleaned. The prehistoric and ethnographical collections have been overhauled and cleaned; as also have been the collections of ceramics and of gold, silver, and bronze work.

The section of the building comprising Rooms F and G has been beautified throughout, and the cases of metalwork have been transferred thence, thus leaving additional space for the exhibition of the ceramic collections in Room E.

The casts of Egyptian, Assyrian and early Greek sculptures, which your Committee have recently acquired, have been arranged in Rooms F and G, and form suggestive and informative groups, of interest to students of sculpture as well as to members of the general public.

The collection of oil-paintings has been enriched by the gift of two valuable and interesting pictures—One, *Famine*, by Mr. J. C. Dollman, A.R.W.S., the gift of Mr. James Gresham, J.P.; the other, *Defoe in the*

Pillory, by Mr. Eyre Crowe, A.R.A., presented by the Mayor of Salford (Mr. Alderman I. Frankenburg, J.P.), in memory of his son, Ralph, who was lost in the wreck of the SS. *Berlin*, at the Hook of Holland, on the 21st February, 1907. Among other interesting gifts, enumerated on a later page, is a carved elephant tusk from Benin, presented by Messrs. Thomas Agnew and Sons.

During the year your Committee lent to the Bury Corporation the following portraits :—*Sir Robert Peel* (first Baronet), by Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A.; *Sir Robert Peel* (second Baronet), by J. Green; and *John Kay*, by George Hayes, R.C.A. To the Committee of the South London Art Gallery, Camberwell, your Committee lent the oil-painting *The Meeting of Esau and Jacob*, by G. F. Watts, R.A.; and to the Wolverhampton Corporation Art Gallery, the picture, *Famine*, by Mr. J. C. Dollman, A.R.W.S.

Classes of scholars, accompanied by their teachers have frequently visited the galleries.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

At the Natural History Museum the Committee have engaged the services of a taxidermist who, under the direction of the Curator, has been working principally in the ornithological collections.

All specimens worth preserving have been cleaned, re-mounted and set up; many gaps have been filled, and discarded specimens are being replaced by fresh ones.

The Committee are gradually abandoning the system of mounting the specimens on perch-stands of polished wood, and are substituting a system of mounting them in small special air-tight cases, with some suggestion of the natural environment most commonly selected by each species. As a result the collections will attract more attention to the study of birds and bird life, and also be educationally more useful, while the taxidermist's work will be of a lasting nature owing to the protection afforded the specimens by the small dust-proof cases.

As the work proceeds, the specimens are being named by means of clear printed labels, Dr. Bowdler Sharpe's nomenclature being followed. Birds which belong to Lancashire and Cheshire are specially indicated.

An effective and attractive group has been made of the wingless birds ; and preparations are being made for mounting other special groups, illustrating the life history of certain birds from the egg to the adult specimen. A special case of carnivora also is in hand, and the skin of a twelve-year-old elephant, secured through the generosity of Mr. George Jennison, has been mounted on a modelled structure, and is a source of great interest to visitors. By way of size-contrast with it a common shrew is shown alongside.

Some examples have been added to the collection of sections of British trees by further gifts from Messrs. F. Ashton and John Schofield.

Several visits have been paid by scholars with their teachers ; about 1,400 students having so attended during the year.

DONATIONS.

Agnew and Sons, Messrs. Thomas—

Carved elephant tusk brought from Benin City, 1897.

Ashton, Messrs. F., and John Schofield—

Sections of timber.

Fitch, Miss E. C., Cromer—

Hoe and war-bell from Chaga, East Africa.

Frankenburg, Mr. Alderman I., J.P., the Mayor of Salford—

Oil-painting—*Defoe in the Pillory*, by Eyre Crowe, A.R.A.

Grant, Benjamin, Esq.—

Tobacco-pipe, clay, English, 17th century.

Gresham, James, Esq., J.P.—

Oil-painting—*Famine*, by J. C. Dollman, A.R.W.S.

Hallam, J. W., Esq., Chief Constable—

Watchman's rattle.

Hunt, Rev. H. A., Rugby—

Net bag, New Guinea.

Morris, R. D., Esq.—

Ethnographical specimens from the Cameroons, West Africa.

Riddell, Robert, Esq., M.B., Sandbach—

Male night-jar.

Seel, Joseph, Esq.—

Model of gold nugget, "The Welcome Stranger."

Sidlow, Miss—

Three pieces of gnatu, three palm-leaf fans, and three ornamental combs, Samoa.

BEQUEST.

Ramsey, Mrs., Bequeathed by—

Oil-painting—A landscape.

PURCHASES.

Ethnographical objects from Upper Congo, Fiji Islands, New Britain, New Guinea, and elsewhere.

Plaster reproductions of early Egyptian, Assyrian, and Greek sculpture.

Fragment of inscribed granite block, Egyptian.

LOAN.

Alfred Ward, Esq., J.P., F.R.G.S.—

American moose head.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS AND LECTURES.

An important work, which for some years has been in hand in the Reference Library, has now been completed. The books have been arranged according to the Dewey system of classification, and the usefulness of the library for purposes of practical research has thereby been greatly increased. The Council will be aware that this is the system now almost universally adopted by large libraries.

At the Greengate Branch your Committee have demolished some old house property, and have erected on the site a spacious room for use as a recreation room. This they hope shortly to open to the public.

Alterations of considerable importance have been made at the Regent Road Branch. The Lending Library section has been transferred to a large room on the upper floor, while the ground floor room thus set free is now used as a recreation room for the playing of chess and draughts and for smoking. Portion of the upper room is set apart for women as a reading and magazine room.

Throughout the Borough the stock of books at the libraries has been strengthened and improved. The following statement shows the number of volumes added during the year :—

Library.	Replacements.		New.		Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	—	..	822	..	822
Lending, Peel Park	54	..	326	..	380
Greengate	13	..	375	..	388
Regent Road	49	..	250	..	299
Pendleton	86	..	325	..	411
Albert Park	117	..	329	..	446
Weaste	37	..	358	..	395
The Height	24	..	353	..	377
Totals	<u>380</u>		<u>3,138</u>		<u>3,518</u>

This indicates an increase of 493 volumes over last year's total additions. The replacements have been less in number, but of newly-published books 662 volumes more than last year have been added to the libraries.

Several obsolete books have been discarded from the shelves, but the total number now in stock, 97,429, shows a net increase of 2,624 volumes, the increase being apparent in each class of literature.

In keeping with a tendency which is said to be general throughout the country, the issue of books for home reading marks a slight decrease. In Salford this amounts to about six per cent. The decrease is to be explained by the welcome output of high-class works in cheap form by publishing firms. Still, against this decrease is to be set an increased use of the

reading rooms, amounting to twelve per cent. ; while the issue of books and magazines for use in the reading rooms, also shows an increase.

The decrease in the number of issues for home use is somewhat remarkable in conjunction with the fact that the number of enrolled borrowers (13,497) is greater than last year by 410 persons, and shows the highest number yet recorded in the Borough. In the Regent Road, Pendleton, and Albert Park districts a slight falling off is indicated in the number of active borrowers ; while at the Peel Park, Greengate, Weaste, and Irlams o'th' Height libraries increases are shown, the Weaste branch having so many as 366 additional borrowers, a circumstance that is, of course, due to the rapid growth of population in that district.

The average number of volumes per borrower issued for home reading has been 25 ; and it is somewhat interesting to compare the several districts one with another. From The Height branch library 32 volumes per enrolled borrower have been issued ; from Greengate, 28 volumes ; from Weaste, 27 ; from Albert Park, 23 ; and from the Peel Park, Regent Road, and Pendleton libraries the issues have averaged 22 volumes per borrower. The number 5·7 represents the average turnover of stock for home use.

The subjoined statement shows the number of borrowers enrolled under fourteen years of age, and the number of books issued to them for home reading.

NO. OF BORROWERS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES
OF BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.
Peel Park	177 ..	36 ..	213 ..	8,446
Greengate	235 ..	80 ..	315 ..	4,563
Regent Road.....	332 ..	150 ..	482 ..	5,671
Pendleton	515 ..	178 ..	693 ..	6,486
Albert Park	538 ..	395 ..	933 ..	17,399
Weaste	315 ..	173 ..	488 ..	10,648
The Height	122 ..	70 ..	192 ..	5,909
Totals.....	<u>2,234</u>	<u>1,082</u>	<u>3,316</u>	<u>59,122</u>
<i>Totals, 1906-7</i>	<i>1,533</i>	<i>777</i>	<i>2,310</i>	<i>68,899</i>

Your Committee are gratified to recognise from the above figures that the scheme which they inaugurated two years ago has met with success. It is manifest that in increasing numbers the younger members of the community are making use of the libraries, although the issues of books per head of the borrowers this year are less than last year.

The Council will remember that the Committee have placed in the hands of the head teachers a power of veto upon young persons becoming borrowers. The teachers' manifest co-operation is therefore welcomed by your Committee in the endeavour to extend to the young, in their later school-days, the opportunity of acquiring the reading habit and familiarity with the value and uses of the Public Libraries.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries	
Peel Park	73,147
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading.....	337,457
3.—No. of Issues of Books &c., for use in the Reading	
Rooms	238,635
4.—No. of Readers in the News Rooms.....	1,481,489
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Total.....	2,130,728
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To this abstract should be added the attendance of visitors at the Natural History Museum, of which a record is not kept.

The following is a list of the lectures given during the Winter under the auspices of your Committee :—

23rd October.—George Seatree, Esq. “Mountaineering and Rock Climbing in the British Isles.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.

6th November.—J. Howard Reed, Esq. “Cotton-growing in the British Empire.”

20th November.—Arthur Humphreys, Esq. “An Evening with Dickens.”

- 4th December.—Thomas London, Esq. “A Piece of Limestone.”
- 18th December.—Basil Pendleton, Esq. “Our English Homes.”
- 15th January.—Ben. H. Mullen, Esq., M.A. “Some Pictures in the Salford Art Galleries.”
- 29th January.—John T. Smith, Esq. “Haddon Hall and its Romance.”
- 12th February.—George H. Winstanley, Esq., F.G.S. “An Introduction to Geology.”
- 26th February.—Henry Crowther, Esq., F.R.M.S. “A Mummy and its Associations.”
- 12th March.—Rev. Robert Killip, F.R.A.S. “Old Sol and his Family : or the Solar System.”
- 26th March.—Rev. G. A. Payne. “Mrs. Gaskell and Knutsford.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1906-7.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented
Aberdeen University, <i>per</i> The Secretary	1
Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of, London..	1
Australia, Western, Agent-General for	1
Bailey, C., Esq.	2
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	7
Canadian Manufacturers' Association	1
Christian Science Students' Association, Manchester	4
City and Guilds of London Institute	1
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Corbett, Joseph, Esq.	3
Cornish, Messrs. J. E., Limited	1
Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association	1
Dublin University	2
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published)	
Frankenburg, Mr. Alderman I., J. P., The Mayor of Salford ..	1

Gladstone, The Right Hon. W. E., Trustees of	3
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3

Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and

Reports from the following :—Aberdeen, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.), St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Smethwick, Southampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport, Stoke Newington, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare Memorial Library), Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green, Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington, York.

London Corporation	1
London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews..	4

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Macdonald, Messrs. W., and Company, Limited	2
Macmillan and Company, Messrs	8
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries Association ..	1
Manchester Corporation	12
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings	
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions	
Mather and Crowther, Limited, Messrs.	2
Murray, John, Esq.	1
National Union of Teachers	1
Patent Office Publications	223

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are

presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors:—

Abolitionist, Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend,
Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Bible Society Gleanings,
Blackpool Herald, Blackpool Times, Board of Trade
Journal, Canada, Canadian Gazette, Cassier's Magazine,
Catholic Times, Certificate Examiner, Child's Guardian,
Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel,
Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary
Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service
Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, Clerks of Works' Journal,
Cook's Travellers' Gazette, Co-operative News, Cottager
and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper,
Drapers' Record, Educational Times, Electrician, Food
and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Garden
City, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age,
Herald of Health, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelli-
gence, Justice, Laundry Journal, Liberator, Local Govern-
ment Chronicle, Local Government Journal, L.G.O.
(Local Government Officer and Contractor), London
Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Man-

chester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League Journal, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Printer's Engineer, Property List, Secretary, Socialist Standard, Textile Recorder, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued) :—

Caledonian ; Cambrian ; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford ; Great Central ; Great Eastern ; Great Northern ; Great Northern (Ireland) ; Great Southern and Western (Ireland) ; Great Western ; Lancashire and Yorkshire ; London and North-Western ; London, Chatham, and Dover ; Midland ; Midland Great Western (Ireland) ; North British ; North Eastern ; South Eastern.

Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.

Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal Institution of Great Britain	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	8
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	2
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	40
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.	6
Spurrier, Mr. Hubert W.—Gretna Marriage Certificate	
Stubbs and Company, Messrs.	1
University Tutorial Press, London	2
Victoria University of Manchester	1
Washington, Commissioner of Education for	1

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1907.

Year, ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-61	7163637	3390	2113	
1850	...	...	...	Museum opened in April.
1854	...	...	...	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1856	...	...	...	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436150	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540505	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1907	73147	308	237	
58 Years.	21,598,003	15,105	1,429	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEELE PARK, 1906-1907.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	1610	4	403	25	2019	2019	76	102	80
December	21	522	5	133	26	655	2674	24	26	25
January	23	621	4	113	27	734	3408	27	28	27
February	18	3436	3	300	21	3736	7144	190	100	177
March	21	1490	5	868	26	2358	9502	70	173	90
April	22	3222	4	1646	26	4868	14370	146	411	187
May	23	9434	4	2439	27	11873	26243	410	609	439
June	21	3372	5	3294	26	6666	32909	160	658	256
July	23	6272	4	2568	27	8840	41749	272	642	327
August	22	13800	4	2277	26	16077	57826	627	569	618
September	21	7484	5	2954	26	10438	68264	356	590	401
October	21	3448	4	1435	25	4883	73147	164	358	195
Totals, &c.	257	54711	51	18436	308	73147	73147	212	361	237

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
1100	1290		4445	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
664	1290	477	739	467	1342	1244	6223

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. †	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	51	12750	1227	13977	274	4321	84
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	52	23667	...	23667	455	3749	72
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	48	14002	...	14002	291	4394	91
PENDLETON BRANCH	52	5286	195	5481	105	383	7
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	5008	837	5845	112	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS ..	52	2615	98	2713	52	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	52	3792	520	4312	82	108	2
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	9973	3266	13239	254	23	...
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	52	3544	1695	5239	100	...	...
Totals.....	...	80637	7838	88475	1725	12978	256

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1355	Blue Bks. {8118} {1581}	1155	11175	..	3270	2760	1929	3376	3786	292	38797
Lending, Peel Park	264	184	191	842	265	647	882	843	696	364	5864	11042
Greengate Branch	249	202	200	1061	..	855	942	693	750	644	4677	10273
Regent Road Branch ...	270	147	253	827	109	530	759	648	690	166	3776	8175
Pendleton Branch	219	138	290	1011	121	607	667	639	615	292	4957	9556
Albert Park Branch ...	251	128	147	634	82	326	397	377	470	472	5693	8977
Waste Branch	105	90	112	386	..	193	275	228	247	524	2471	4631
Irlands o'th' Height Branch	158	144	144	481	..	234	396	355	238	245	3583	5978
Totals.....	2871	10732	2492	16417	577	6662	7078	5712	7082	6493	31313	97429

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1890.)	CHARLESTOWN READING- ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEASTE BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLANDS O'HER BRANCH. (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING- ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1880.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1884.)										
1880 to 1889	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1890-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	...	329598	...
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	...	407767	1861
1892-3	63924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	...	406126	...
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	...	662	...	...	432728	102449
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	...	3799	...	...	435807	...
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	...	5321	...	...	419951	1871
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	...	3544	...	...	414791	121801
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	...	6113	...	...	390266	1881
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	...	6451	...	...	379007	176235
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	...	8621	...	...	374875	...
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	...	32381	28957	...	443516	1891
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	...	49529	55803	...	483418	198139
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	...	57773	57237	...	491643	...
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	...	62605	57206	...	511612	1901
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	...	67916	64799	...	527219	220957
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	...	83725	74108	...	594679	...
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	...	90017	78938	...	576092	...
Totals	3,299,583	2,480,389	2,038,018	3,192,668	2,238,595	1,572,390	...	478,457	417,048	...	16,317,148	Present Estimated. 236670
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1906-7 ..	5,779,972		235,784	313,235	86,892	109,027	76,305	259,905	129,378	87,387	1,481,489	...

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average Readers.
Peel Park	1765	1568	2238	6100	1976	1856	31834	19552	1575	68464	225	303	183576	605
Greengate Branch	362	143	100	1115	539	1133	6627	16840	4264	31123	101	307	235784	768
Regent Road Branch	193	229	236	556	557	294	327	23291	993	26676	95	279	313235	1122
Pendleton Branch	54	144	74	408	338	184	903	18696	1092	21893	71	307	86892	283
Albert Park Branch	5	17	11	52	24	22	7158	17740	24	25053	81	307	109027	355
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	76305	248
Waste Branch	132	166	222	387	259	385	14613	19411	552	36127	117	307	259905	846
Irlands o'th' Height Branch	184	295	308	572	264	743	1086	23168	679	29299	95	307	129378	421
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	307	87387	284
Totals	2895	2562	3189	9190	3957	4617	62548	140698	9179	238635	785	...	1481489	4932

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Musie.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	115	216	280	1257	1212	306	815	576	582	33076	38435	132	291
Greengate Branch	100	147	225	1082	...	341	873	425	1045	33012	37250	125	297
Regent Road Branch	228	175	268	857	408	483	867	383	960	40915	45544	162	279
Pendleton Branch	211	143	414	1447	789	557	980	439	1569	40054	46603	157	295
Albert Park Branch	295	242	420	1418	1021	622	1269	697	20060	58060	66096	224	295
Waste Branch	259	258	247	1116	...	838	1215	319	4883	44755	53890	180	298
Irlands o'th' Height Br'ch.	262	399	244	1261	...	431	1076	487	1943	43536	49639	167	297
Totals ..	1470	1563	2098	8438	3430	3578	7095	3326	13051	293408	337457	1147	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

Lending Libraries.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty.	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	Manchester and Outlying Districts.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	358	238	98	34	23	23	335	128	101	210	428	204	89	53	774	1684
Greengate Branch...	261	169	88	40	21	3	171	150	44	217	350	7	197	28	582	1294
Regent Road Branch	428	265	142	64	46	16	339	236	89	297	749	193	1	18	961	2047
Pendleton Branch...	442	204	108	39	29	16	322	182	55	279	15	787	2	34	838	2045
Albert Park Branch.	461	329	173	64	65	121	399	94	157	563	5	4	1154	50	1213	2932
Weaste Branch	366	159	160	42	40	38	176	133	121	375	...	805	...	...	805	1957
Irlands o'ch' Height Branch	212	252	176	62	72	12	201	49	231	305	1	707	...	78	786	1538
Totals	2528	1616	945	345	296	229	1943	972	798	2246	1548	2707	1443	261	5959	13497

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	423	71	Engineers, Mechanical	78	—
Agents and Collectors	41	1	Engravers	8	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	416	23	Envelope Maker	—	1
Architects and Surveyors	9	—	Factory Operatives	59	100
Artists	3	4	Fancy Box Makers	1	12
Bakers and Confectioners	19	23	Fishmongers and Poulterers ...	3	—
Billiard Marker	1	—	Fitters and Mechanics	42	—
Blacksmiths and Strikers	9	—	Florists	—	2
Boiler Maker	1	—	Folders and Sewers	—	16
Bookbinders	5	2	Foremen and Forewomen	7	6
Booksellers and Stationers	5	1	French Polishers	14	1
Bootmakers and Dealers	16	—	Furnacemen	4	—
Brewer	1	—	Gardeners	9	—
Bricklayers and Masons	13	—	Gas Inspectors	7	—
Brushmakers	2	—	Glass Blowers and Cutters	5	—
Builders and Contractors	3	—	Gold Beater	1	—
Butchers	10	—	Governesses	—	2
Cable Makers	2	—	Greengrocers	4	1
Cap Makers	1	12	Grocers	40	1
Caretakers	10	3	Hairdressers	12	—
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	56	—	Housekeepers	—	183
Carters, Vanmen, etc.	22	—	Insurance Inspectors	12	—
Cashiers	11	2	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	101	—
Chemists and Druggists	17	1	Ironmongers	2	—
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ...	—	8	Journalists	3	—
Civil Service Officials	3	—	Labourers and Porters	163	—
Clergymen and Ministers	10	—	Lady's Companions	—	3
Cloggers	4	—	Laundresses	—	7
Cloth Stampers	2	1	Licensed Victuallers	5	2
Coach Builders	5	—	Lithographers	2	—
Coach Painters	2	—	Machinists	7	72
Coachmen and Grooms	7	—	Makers-up and Packers	24	7
Coal Miners	6	—	Managers and Manageresses ...	15	6
Commercial Travellers	38	4	Manufacturers and Merchants	16	—
Coopers	3	—	Married	—	674
Core Makers	2	—	Matrons	—	3
Cork Sorter	1	—	Milliners	—	27
Corset Maker	—	1	Mission Worker	—	1
Costumiers	1	2	Motormen	13	—
Dairymen	2	—	Musicians	6	7
Dentists	2	—	None or Not Stated	161	360
Designers	5	1	Nurses	—	21
Domestic Servants	2	75	Oil-sheet Maker	1	—
Drapers and Haberdashers	5	19	Optical Instrument Makers ...	2	—
Draughtsmen	22	—	Painters and Decorators	27	—
Dress and Mantle Makers	—	60	Paper Bag Makers	—	5
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	17	—	Paper Makers, Rulers, etc	3	—
Electricians	46	—	Paper Sorter	—	1
Embroiderers	—	4	Pattern Card Makers	3	—
Engineers, Civil	9	—	Pattern Makers	14	—
			Paviors	2	—
			Pawnbrokers	8	—
			Photographers	2	1

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Physicians and Surgeons	6	—	Surgical Instrument Maker ...	1	—
Picture Frame Maker	1	—	Switchmaker.....	—	1
Plumbers and Glaziers	9	—	Tailoresses.....	—	20
Police Officers	14	—	Tailors and Outfitters	9	—
Post Office Employés	20	18	Tea Packer	—	1
Printers, Compositors, and			Telephone Operators	1	13
Feeders	42	3	Timekeepers	6	1
Railway Employés	20	—	Tin Plate Workers	5	—
Rubber Workers	8	—	Tobacconists.....	2	4
Saddlers and Harness Makers	2	—	Townsmen.....	1	—
Salesmen and Buyers	46	—	Tram Conductors, etc.....	6	—
Saleswomen	—	14	Trunk Maker	1	—
Sanitary Inspectors	3	—	Typists	1	43
School Attendance Officers ...	2	—	Umbrella Maker	1	—
School Children	762	341	Undertaker	1	—
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	15	7	Upholsterers	4	1
School Teachers	42	177	Vaccination Officer	1	—
Sempstresses	—	6	Velvet Sorter	—	1
Ship's Rigger ..	1	—	Vocalists	2	2
Shirt Makers.....	—	4	Waiters and Waitresses	5	8
Shop Assistants	8	28	Warehousemen and Women ...	85	14
Shopkeepers	22	9	Watch and Clock Makers	4	—
Solicitors	4	—	Waterproof Garment Makers...	3	—
Stokers	6	—	Wire Drawers	4	—
Storekeepers.....	13	—	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	9	—
Students	17	12			

Males..... 3391

Females..... 2568

Total..... 5959

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

The above parks have received constant attention, many improvements made, and additional facilities provided for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Such as the conversion of the bowlhouse shelters into comfortable smoke-rooms for elderley men, the provision of tennis courts at Peel Park, the building of a bowlhouse at Charlestown, the making of a new bowling green at Albert Park and the purchase of 7 acres, 1 rood, 14 perches of land below the Crescent from Lord Derby.

Owing to the unfavourable weather during the past summer the use of the parks has been somewhat curtailed, but the general appearance has been very good, and trees, shrubs, and flowers have done well.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walnes Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land, Broad Street.

Grosvenor Square has been enclosed by additional fences and gates, and is now closed at dusk ; there is a very marked improvement in the appearance of this recreation ground, and the closing at dusk is conducive to good conduct.

An experiment is being made to improve the Duchy Land, Broad Street, by enclosing the trees with 3 feet 9 inches fencing and grassing over the enclosures.

BOWLING GREENS.

The bowling greens have been kept in very good condition, and considering the very unfavourable season have stood the wear remarkably well. The new bowling green at Albert Park has not been opened for use, and the new bowlhouse and shelter at Charlestown Recreation Ground has been much appreciated.

The total receipts from the bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	No. of Players.
Peel Park	50	13	6	6,081
Buile Hill (two greens)	85	17	4	10,304
Albert Park	57	10	4	6,902
Ordsall (two greens)	77	8	8	9,253
Mandley (two greens)	96	3	2	11,539
Charlestown Recreation Ground	36	7	10	4,367
King Street (The Height)	34	13	10	4,163
	£438	14	8	52,647

The receipts from the bowling greens last year were £477 11s. and the total number of players 57,306.

LAWN TENNIS.

This pastime is also increasing in public favour, and like bowling is a very suitable game for public parks; to meet the increased demand four tennis courts have been opened at Peel Park and instructions given for the laying of three asphalte courts—two at Buile Hill and one at Peel Park.

The total receipts from the tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	No. of Players.
Peel Park (four courts)	10	2	8	1,216
Buile Hill (six courts)	27	16	6	3,339
Albert Park (five courts)	34	13	8	4,162
Mandley Park (two courts)	8	3	6	981
Claremont Park (two courts)	5	15	4	692
	£86	11	8	10,390

The receipts from the tennis courts last year were £86 14s. 2d. and the total number of players 10,405.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The band performances were on the whole very well attended, but here again the unsettled weather of the past summer materially interfered with the number of visitors. The experiment of placing seats around the band stand and making a charge of one penny each person for the use of the same during a band performance was again tried, and the total receipts from the 22 performances was £3 0s. 7d., against £5 3s. 1d. last year.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 South Salford Silver Band.
 Irwell Street Prize Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Central Hall Prize Band.
 Barnes' Home Industrial School Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Northern Military Band.

The number of performances given was 77, as against 74 last year,

	£	s.	d.
at a total cost of	354	0	0
Police attendance	5	18	4
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	£359	18	4
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as against £308 15s. 4d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The twenty-sixth annual exhibition was held in Peel Park, on August 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, and was in every way highly satisfactory.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Frankenburg), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the

Museum, Libraries and Parks Committee, the members of the Committee and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The judging of the exhibits in the various classes was placed in the hands of experienced men and again gave general satisfaction.

The number of plants sold in connection with this work was 8,535, as against 8,520 last year.

The amount awarded in prizes was £106 9s., as against £104 0s. 6d. last year.

A new feature in the show was a drawing competition for school children in the Borough, there was 1,952 competitors and 96 prizes were awarded.

The attendance of visitors was 28,075, as against 24,000 last year.

Special Prizes were again given by the Mayor of the value of £2, by Mrs. C. J. Heywood £2 2s., by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2, and by J. D. Affleck, Esq., £2 2s. (for the Adelphi district). These special prizes were again very helpful to the exhibition.

GENERALLY.

The principal alterations, improvements, and repairs carried out during the past year are included in the following summary :—

PEEL PARK.

A new tennis house and shelter built.

Four tennis courts prepared for use.

A new propagating house constructed.

180 yards of new 3 feet 9 inches fencing fixed.

And a clock fixed in the band stand.

BUILE HILL.

A large greenhouse 150 feet \times 20 feet has been rebuilt.

The bowl house shelter enclosed with movable screens and fitted with

a stove, &c., for the use of elderly men, as a smoke room during the winter months.

And 4,400 superficial square yards of asphalte has been laid.

ALBERT PARK.

A new bowling green has been constructed.

1,000 superficial square yards of new asphalte laid.

800 superficial square yards of asphalte tarred and sparred.

500 lineal yards of 21 feet gravel roadway re-made.

The bowl-house shelter converted into a winter smoke room as above.

Six classical statues have been fixed on the main avenue.

Thirty-six new seats provided, and all the fences in and around the park painted.

A clock fixed in the band stand.

ORDSALL PARK.

400 superficial square yards of asphalte laid.

1,500 superficial square yards of asphalte tarred and sparred.

The bowlhouse shelter converted into a smoke room as above.

CLAREMONT PARK.

The caretaker's lodge at Frammer's Lane entrance has been completed.

MANDLEY PARK.

Sixty-five yards of new 3 feet 9 inches fencing fixed.

CHARLESTOWN RECREATION GROUND.

A new bowlhouse and shelter has been built.

400 superficial square yards of asphalte tarred and sparred.

GROSVENOR SQUARE.

Fifty-eight lineal yards of new boundary fence.

One pair of double gates and three single gates have been fixed.

600 superficial square yards of new asphalte laid.

1,500 superficial square yards tarred and sparred.

The shelter repaired and re-tiled.

REGENT SQUARE.

162 lineal yards of 3 feet 3 inches fencing fixed.
Twelve new seats supplied.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

All the drains around the lodge have been taken up and re-laid.
282 yards of boundary wall pointed.

DUCHY LAND (BROAD STREET).

261 lineal yards of 3 feet 9 inches fencing and three gates fixed.
130 loads of gravel taken to Buile Hill.
200 loads of soil put in place of the gravel.
Trees, shrubs, and grass planted.
550 superficial square yards of asphalt laid.
Four 12 feet seats fixed.

LEICESTER ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL.

Garden plots have been formed and trees and shrubs planted in the school playgrounds.

ALFRED WORSLEY,
CHAIRMAN.

Museum, Peel Park,
22nd October, 1907.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1907-1908.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

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„ „ Burnley.	„ „ Sackville.

* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

‡ Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

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MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	William Trevor, <i>Attendant.</i>
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Plumpton Mitcham, <i>Relief Attendant.</i>	
William Hancock, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

James Whitelegg, <i>Senior Attendant.</i>	J. E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>
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PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
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REPORT OF THE MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SALFORD.

The Museums, Libraries, and Parks Committee have the honour of presenting their Report for the year ended 31st October, 1908, being the sixtieth report since the inauguration of the Public Library and Museum at Peel Park in 1849.

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, PEEL PARK.

During the year, much work has been done among the various collections, improvements being effected in many sections. Casts of Greek figures in the entrance hall, and those of sculptures from the Parthenon have been cleaned down to the plaster and re-coloured.

A new wall-case has been supplied for Room C, and the valuable collections of prehistoric stone implements, &c., are being arranged for exhibition in it.

Considerable attention has been given to the preparation and printing of descriptive labels which largely enhance the educational value of the objects with which they are associated.

A re-arrangement of the pictures has enriched the collection in Room A, which is now devoted to paintings and Greek sculpture.

Through the generosity of Mr. James Gresham, C.E., J.P., the sculpture in the Langworthy Gallery (Room B) has been augmented by the handsome gift of the original bronzed plaster model of the life-size group, *Adrift*, by

Mr. John Cassidy. The appearance of the gallery has been much enhanced by this valuable addition.

To the ethnographical collections in Room C some interesting additions have been made, notably by Mr. Arnold Ridyard, whose name is associated with numerous gifts of objects collected by him during many recent years at various points of the West Coast of Africa. Among them is a complete blacksmith's outfit from Bonny, secured at considerable trouble. Mr. Charles Roeder, also, has presented some local Neolithic finds from Kersal Moor, additions to several former gifts of similar character.

The Ceramic collections in Rooms D and E, including the valuable Falkner-Sidebotham loan collection of English pottery figures, has been re-arranged during the year. The loan collection of objects chosen from the Victoria and Albert Museum has been changed, and now comprises a case of Turkish and Syrian (Damascus) enamelled pottery, vessels and tiles ; a case of selected pieces of French, German, Spanish and English porcelain ; a collection of enamels on metal, Chinese, Indian, Limoges, German and Battersea ; Italian jewellery as worn by peasants of Florence and Lower Etruria ; also a collection of German metalwork, tankards, salts, ewers, and other vessels.

To the permanent metalwork section your Committee have added a number of electrotype reproductions of some of the remarkable gold objects found by Dr. Schliemann in the shaft-tombs on the Acropolis at Mycenæ. The originals are in the National Museum at Athens, and belong to the period 1500-1200 B.C. The metalwork collections now cover a long range of years, commencing with the "Mycenæan" civilization, and concluding with the 19th century A.D.

Some important additions have also been made to the Greek sculpture ; and when a few more important examples have been added, your Committee will possess a series that, in its completeness, will have an eminent educational value.

From the Trustees of the National Gallery of British Art, the oil-painting, *Gleaners Returning*, by George Clausen, R.A., purchased for the nation under the terms of the Chantrey Bequest, has been received on loan.

Your Committee have lent the following pictures during the year :—
 To the Exhibition of British Art Gallery, Melbourne, *The Queen of the Tournaments*, by Philip H. Calderon, R.A., and *Still Waters Run Deep*, by Edward H. Fahey, R.I. ; to the St. Helens Art Gallery Committee, *Columbus and the Egg*, by R. Knupfer ; to the Nottingham Art Gallery Committee, *The Burial of John Hampden*, by Philip H. Calderon, R.A. ; and to the Burnley Art Gallery (Towneley Hall) Committee, *The Meeting of Esau and Jacob*, by G. F. Watts, R.A.

Numerous organised visits have been paid during the year by classes of scholars accompanied by their teachers, representing eighteen schools ; and several students under private tuition have spent many days with their teachers, studying oil-painting, and copying pictures in the galleries. This is a phase in the practical usefulness of the galleries that gratifies your Committee, and one which they desire to encourage.

The staircase and three large galleries have been beautified during the year.

DONATIONS.

Clarkson, Miss—

Two specimens pre-Spanish Peruvian pottery.

Gardner, T. S., Esq.—

Double-headed figure, Ibo Country, S. Nigeria.

Gresham, James, Esq., C.E., J.P.—

Original bronzed plaster model of life-size group, *Adrift*, by
 Mr. John Cassidy.

Joof, J. P., Esq.—

Hat, Kiang, Mandingo.

Petrie, Prof. Flinders—

Nineteen flint implements, &c., Ancient Egypt.

Reffell, T. G., Esq.—

Grass bag, from Pessy, Liberia.

Ridyard, A., Esq.—

- Two samples Mandingo leather work.
- Carved wood figure from Ibo Country, Southern Nigeria.
- Complete native blacksmith's outfit, Bonny.
- Photograph of blacksmiths at work, Bonny.
- Five table mats, Bonny.
- Four round baskets, Bonny.
- One square basket, Bonny.
- One shell snuff-box, Ivory Coast.
- White hair fly-brush, Mandingo.
- One kilaingi (musical instrument), Bathurst.
- Basket, Rufisque, Senegal.
- Ladle, gourd, St. Louis, Senegal.
- Lalli leaves, for dyeing finger nails, St. Louis, Senegal.

Roeder, Charles, Esq.—

- Coloured cast of stone implement, late Bronze Age, found in 1850 near Inglewhite.
- Photograph showing Neolithic floor, Kersal Moor, 1908.
- Photograph, stone spindle-whorl, found on Kersal Moor, 1908.
- Flint chips, &c., Kersal Moor.

Williams, A. C., Esq.—

- Bundoo devil-head, Blamo, West Africa.

PURCHASES.

- Small cane basket for tobacco, &c., from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Basket with handle, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Witch doctor's incantation wand, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Armlet, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Sumpitan, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Sumpitan with spear-head, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Human head, trophy, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Shield, from Sarawak, Borneo.
- Electrotype reproductions of gold objects from shaft-tombs, Mycenæ, 1500-1200 B.C.

Statue; Demeter from Knidos.

Terminal figure, Midas.

Relief, Dionysus visiting Icarius.

Photographs, Treasury of Atreus, Harpy Tomb and Nereid Monument.

North American Indian ball-headed club.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL PARK.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the taxidermist's work during the year, and some educational and attractive groups have been brought together and set up. Notably among these should be mentioned a special case of marine diving birds, gannet, cormorant, shag, guillemot, puffin and razor-bill. At present there are twelve adult birds, eight young birds and four eggs. They are mounted, disposed, as in nature, upon ledges of a cliff. Ultimately the life-history of each bird will be completely illustrated.

Another important large case, made and set up during the year, is that containing some specimens of Carnivora, the lion, tiger, leopard, hyæna, and Himalayan bear. These animals are placed in a representation of their typical natural haunts, plain, cave, tree, undergrowth, drinking-pool; and the group forms a striking, as it is a useful, addition to the collections, which are yearly increasing in educational value.

Continuous with the preparation of the above large groups, the work of rejuvenating, replacing and re-mounting in special specimen cases the permanent ornithological collections has progressed; the most noticeable specimens being the owls and the gulls. Some of these examples are entirely new, and all are beautiful.

Your Committee have pleasure in recording a valuable and handsome gift from Mr. Robert Emmett Hailwood. It consists of heads and horns of antelopes and other large game recently collected by the generous donor when travelling in Rhodesia. They form a collection of a high educational order. Their mutual juxtaposition in one large case enables the student

readily to acquire a knowledge of the appearance of each, and to distinguish each species from others of the same class.

The attendance of visitors continues to be large, the building, especially on Sundays and holidays being frequently thronged.

Organised visits of societies and of scholars with their teachers have been fairly numerous. Your Committee are satisfied that as the work of restoration and augmentation proceeds, the increased educational value of the collections will be correspondingly appreciated.

DONATIONS.

Agate, C. J., Esq.—

Italian dice snake.

Hailwood, Robert Emmett, Esq.—

Heads of big game from Rhodesia :—

Sable Antelope, male and female.	Puku, male and female.
Eland, male and female.	Reed-Buck, two.
Tessaby, male.	Roan.
Bush Buck, male.	Sitatunga.
Impala, male and female.	Zebra.

Horns of Antelopes, &c.—

Greater Kudu.	Blue Wilderbeest.
Black Rhinoceros.	Black Wilderbeest.
White Rhinoceros.	Water-Buck.
Gemsbuck, two.	Dika.
Springbuck.	Lesser Kudu.

Crocodile.

Python.

LIBRARIES, READING ROOMS, AND LECTURES.

On the site of some old property at the rear of the Greengate Branch Library, your Committee have erected a recreation room of ample area, where men may play draughts and chess, read the daily papers, converse and smoke. This is the fifth of similar recreation rooms established in connection

with the public libraries of the Borough. It has already justified its existence, the average daily attendance, 694, being the highest in the Borough.

The following statement shows the number of volumes added to the various libraries during the year :—

Libraries.	Replacements.	New.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park	— ..	833 ..	833
Lending, Peel Park	62 ..	280 ..	342
Greengate	92 ..	272 ..	364
Regent Road	113 ..	310 ..	423
Pendleton	90 ..	267 ..	357
Albert Park	268 ..	259 ..	527
Weaste	76 ..	297 ..	373
The Height.....	43 ..	285 ..	328
Totals	744	2,803	3,547

The total marks a slight increase upon last year's figures.

There is a noticeable increase in the number of books issued for reading in the homes of the people, the issues this year amounting to 350,727 against 337,457 last year, representing a difference of 13,270 books. It is interesting to observe the large increases of 6,807, 2,727, 2,833, and 1,666, in the issues at the Regent Road, The Height, the Weaste, and the Greengate Branches.

The number of enrolled active borrowers, 13,110, shows an increase of thirty-four per cent. within the past five years.

The average number of volumes issued for home reading has risen from 25 per borrower last year to 26·7 this year. It is of some interest to notice that while in the district of Irlams-o'th'-Height the average number of books issued is 33 per borrower, Greengate comes next with 30 volumes. The average issues per borrower per annum at the other libraries are as follows :— Weaste, 26 ; Regent Road and Albert Park, 25 ; Peel Park and Pendleton, 24 volumes.

The number of persons under fourteen years of age who are enrolled as

active borrowers of books for reading in their homes is lower than last year, although higher than that for the year preceding.

NO. OF BORROWERS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND ISSUES
OF BOOKS TO THEM FOR HOME READING.

Libraries.	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Issues.
Peel Park	225 ..	26 ..	251 ..	2,463
Greengate	216 ..	54 ..	270 ..	6,081
Regent Road	310 ..	197 ..	507 ..	7,495
Pendleton	363 ..	101 ..	464 ..	5,153
Albert Park	232 ..	214 ..	446 ..	15,522
Weaste	246 ..	176 ..	422 ..	9,317
The Height.....	119 ..	57 ..	176 ..	4,914
Totals	1,711	825	2,536	50,945

From special enquiries made at each of the lending libraries it is evident that most of the children make an intelligent use of the institutions. In the choice of books, some of them receive assistance from their parents ; a large number are helped and advised by their school teachers, who frequently prepare lists for their guidance ; while all, of course, are readily helped by the library staff. The class of literature most popular with the children is fiction, consisting altogether of school tales, fairy tales, adventures, girls' stories and suchlike books. Books of travel, illustrated works on natural history, and works of history and biography, are much read. The Stories from Shakespeare's Plays for Children are also to be noticed among the literature used by the young people of the Borough. The scheme is uniformly regarded with satisfaction, especially by the children themselves, who, when returning books, not infrequently show by their remarks that they have appreciated them.

ABSTRACT FROM THE TABULATED RETURNS.

1.—No. of Visitors to the Museum and Art Galleries, Peel Park	75,099
2.—No. of Issues of Books for Home Reading	350,727
3.—No. of Issues of Books, &c., for use in the Reading Rooms.....	233,154
4.—No. of Readers in the News Rooms	1,189,355
Total	1,848,335

The unrecorded number of visitors to the Natural History Museum at Buile Hill Park should be added to this return.

The following is a list of lectures given during the winter under the auspices of your Committee :—

22nd October.—Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P. “ Old Salford.” Chairman, The Worshipful the Mayor of Salford, Mr. Alderman I. Frankenburg, J.P.

5th November.—Mr. Edgar Bellingham. “ A-Wheel in Brittany.”

19th November.—Mr. H. Grégorious Brown. “ National Festivals of Physical Training Abroad.”

3rd December.—Mr. George H. Winstanley, F.G.S., M.I.M.E. “ Coal Mining.”

17th December.—Mr. G. Herbert Davies, F.S.Sc., Lond. “ The Glorious Peak County.”

14th January.—Mr. Ben. H. Mullen, M.A. “ Primitive Travel by Land.”

28th January.—Mr. Thomas London. “ Oliver Goldsmith.”

11th February.—Rev. Charles Harris, M.A. “ Lilies of the Field : Studies in Plant Life.”

25th February.—Mr. Hilaire Belloc, M.P. “ The Growth of a Great City.” Chairman, Mr. Councillor Barker.

10th March.—Mr. Charles Rowley, M.A., J.P. “ History in Workmanship.” Chairman, Mr. Alderman Snape, J.P.

24th March.—Mr. Walker R. Yardley, L.C.P. “ Nelson and his Daring Deeds.”

LIST OF DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1907-8.

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of, London..	1
Atherton, Robert, Esq.	1
British Association for the Advancement of Science	1
British Museum, Trustees of the	15

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Buchanan, J. Y., Esq.	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	1
Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, Melbourne... ..	1
Co-operative Union, Limited, Manchester	1
Crawford and Balcarres, The Right Honourable the Earl of....	13
Dublin University	1
Durham University	1
Emigrants' Information Office (Circulars as published).	
Griffiths, Harold, Esq.	1
Hazelhurst, John, Esq.	1
Hiller, Edward G., Esq.	2
Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Institutes	3
Layton, Messrs. C. and E.	2
Le Page, John F., Esq., M.D.	1
Libraries and Museums.—Recent Catalogues, Journals, and Reports from the following:—Aberdeen, Ashton-under- Lyne, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Bishopgate Foundation, Black- burn, Blackpool, Bodleian (Oxford), Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Burnley, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carlisle, Cheltenham, Chester, Chorley, Cincinnati (U.S.A.), Clapham, Clerkenwell, Clitheroe, Cripplegate, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Eccles, Enoch Pratt Library (Baltimore), Falmouth, Fins- bury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gloucester, Gosport and Alverstoke, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Hanley, Hastings, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kidderminster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leek (Nicholson Institute), Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles (California), Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milwaukee (U.S.A.), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Perthshire, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, Richmond (Surrey), Rochdale, Rotherithe, St.	

Bride Foundation Institute, St. Helens, St. Louis (U.S.A.),
St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South-
ampton, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport,
Stoke Newington, Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare
Memorial Library), Streatham, Sunderland, Tottenham,
Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walsall, Walthamstow, Wands-
worth, Watford, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, West Ham,
Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden Green,
Wimbledon, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Workington,
York.

London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews..	4
Macmillan and Company, Messrs.	5
Manchester and Salford Provident Dispensaries Association..	1
Manchester Corporation	12
Manchester Geological and Mining Society—Transactions.	
Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society—Memoirs and Proceedings.	
Manchester Statistical Society—Transactions.	
Mather and Crowther, Messrs.	1
Melbourne, The Director, Exhibition of the British Art Gallery,	1
Mosley, Sir Oswald, Bart.	23
National Union of Teachers	1
Patent Office Publications	169
Peckover, Lord, of Wisbech	1

Periodicals.—The following Periodicals and Magazines are
presented, chiefly by the Publishers or Editors :—

Abolitionist, Accountant, All the World, Animals' Friend,
Awake, Beehive (Y.M.C.A.), Blackpool Herald, Blackpool
Times, Board of Trade Journal, Canada, Canadian Gazette,
Cassier's Magazine, Catholic Times, Certificate Examiner,
Child's Guardian, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church
Missionary Juvenile Instructor, Civil Service Aspirant,
Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Weekly, The Clerk,
Clerks of Works' Journal, Cook's Travellers' Gazette,

Co-operative News, Cottager and Artizan, Deceased Seamen, Deliverer, Draper, Drapers' Record, Educational Times, Electrician, Food and Cookery, Forester's Miscellany, Free Russia, Garden City, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Herald of Health, Homœopathic Review, Jewish Intelligence, Justice, Laundry Journal, Liberator, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, L.G.O. (Local Government Officer and Contractor), London Argus, Machinery Market, Manchester Guardian, Manchester Weekly Times, Midland Counties Herald, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Navy League, Journal, Patents, Personal Rights Journal, Phrenological Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Present Truth, Printers' Engineer, Property List, Secretary, Socialist Standard, Textile Recorder, Two Worlds, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, White Ribbon, Women's Industrial News, Worcester Herald, Zoophilist.

Railway Time Tables from the following Companies (as issued) :—

Caledonian ; Cambrian ; Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford ; Great Central ; Great Eastern ; Great Northern ; Great Northern (Ireland) ; Great Southern and Western (Ireland) ; Great Western ; Lancashire and Yorkshire ; London and North-Western ; London, Chatham, and Dover ; Midland ; Midland Great Western (Ireland) ; North British ; North Eastern ; South Eastern.

Roeder, Charles, Esq.	1
Royal Dublin Society—Transactions and Proceedings.	
Royal Geographical Society	2
Royal Institution of Great Britain	1
Royal National Life-Boat Institution	1
Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen	8
Royal Society	2
Royal University of Ireland	1

	No. of Vols. and Pamphlets Presented.
Salford Board of Guardians	2
Salford Corporation	40
Salford Royal Hospital, <i>per</i> Board of Management	1
Simpkin, Marshall, and Company, Messrs.	1
Simpson, William, Esq.	1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A.	2
Stubbs and Company, Messrs.	1
University Correspondence College, London	4
Waddie and Company, Messrs., Edinburgh	1
Washington, Commissioner of Education for	1
Washington, Library of Congress, U.S.A.	7

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

STATISTICAL TABLES AND RETURNS FOR THE YEARS, 1850-1908.

Year. ending 31st Oct.	Total Number of Visitors.	Number of Days Opened.	Daily Average of Visitors.	REMARKS.
1850-64	7163637	3390	2113	
1850	...	...	...	Museum opened in April.
1854	...	...	...	North Wing and Gallery opened.
1856	...	...	...	South Wing and Gallery opened.
1865	600620	259	2315	Summer Exhibition.
1866	527400	261	2021	
1867	566520	261	2170	Local Artists' Exhibition.
1868	544550	264	2063	Exhibition of Paintings.
1869	604900	261	2317	
1870	438850	267	1643	
1871	443170	268	1656	
1872	583000	264	2208	
1873	422920	263	1608	Venezuela Drawings Exhibition.
1874	527500	234	2200	Exhibition of Scientific Industry.
1875	553280	261	2120	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1876	425500	261	1614	Loan Exhibition. Musical Promenades.
1877	407600	266	1532	Musical Promenades in Peel Park.
1878	436450	283	1725	Local Artists' Exhibition. Langworthy Gallery opened.
1879	381000	260	1465	
1880	527600	261	2000	Loans, and Miss Thompson's Balaclava
1881	431300	263	1633	Loan Exhibition of Paintings.
1882	528940	263	1213	
1883	540506	261	2071	Loans.
1884	475450	261	1775	Loan from S. K. Museum, &c.
1885	435000	257	1696	
1886	376776	265	1421	Loan from S. K. Museum.
1887	304270	256	1150	Loans of Paintings, &c.
1888	250500	263	952	
1889	300150	261	1150	Photograph and Gas Exhibitions.
1890	273700	221	1238	Exhibition of Paintings & Photographs.
1891	200100	250	800	
1892	221155	246	888	
1893	232522	263	884	Loan of Art Objects, S. K. M.
*1894	153717	225	683	Jubilee (Loan) Exhibition of Paintings.
1895	111178	262	424	
†1896	132021	285	463	Scandinavian Art, &c., loan, S. K. M.
1897	149812	317	472	Collection of Art Objects, S. K. M.
1898	151058	313	482	Loan, Enamels, Bronzes, Wedgwood Ware, &c.
1899	128332	306	419	Exhibition of Water-colour Drawings.
1900	132737	310	428	Exhibition Water-colour Drawings, &c.
1901	136234	307	443	Additions to Art Collections.
1902	173680	311	558	Exhibitions: Paintings, Photographs.
1903	153721	311	494	Exhibitions: Embroideries, Water- colours.
1904	141586	312	453	Additions to Art Collections.
1905	125862	311	404	Loan of Art Objects, V. and A. M.
1906	110052	313	351	Nat. Hist. Colns. transferred to Baile Hill
1907	73147	308	237	Loans: Pictures and Pottery Figures.
1908	75099	309	243	Additions to Art Collections.
59 Years.	21,673,102	15,414	1,406	

* Registering turnstiles first erected.

† First permanently opened on Sundays.

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK, 1907-1908.

MONTH.	Week-Days Open.	Attendance on Week-Days.	Sun-days Open.	Attendance on Sundays.	Days Open.	Totals.	Totals from 1st November.	Averages per Week-Day.	Averages per Sunday.	Averages per Day.
November	21	1455	4	786	25	2241	2241	69	196	89
December	21	977	5	491	26	1468	3709	46	98	56
January	22	1496	4	248	26	1744	5453	68	62	67
February	21	1681	4	1420	25	3101	8554	80	355	124
March	22	2635	5	1476	27	4111	12665	119	295	152
April	22	5312	4	1604	26	6916	19581	241	401	266
May	19	3644	4	2371	23	6015	25596	191	592	261
June	22	9116	4	2231	26	11347	36943	414	557	436
July	22	6881	4	2769	26	9650	46593	312	692	371
August	22	12702	5	3807	27	16509	63102	577	761	611
September	22	4977	4	1482	26	6459	69561	226	370	248
October	22	4240	4	1298	26	5538	75099	192	324	213
Totals, &c.	258	55116	51	19983	309	75099	75099	213	391	243

ATTENDANCE OF VISITORS ON PRINCIPAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday.	Whit-Monday.		August Bank Holiday.	
1817	1403		4208	

ATTENDANCE DURING WHIT-WEEK.

Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
564	1403	511	812	680	1244	351	5565

SUNDAY ATTENDANCES IN THE READING-ROOMS.

	Sundays Open.	Men and Boys.	Women.	Totals	Averages per Sunday	Books Issued. +	Average Issues per Sunday.
PEEL PARK	50	11617	1028	12645	252	4396	87
GREENGATE BRANCH.....	52	24144	...	24144	464	3776	72
REGENT ROAD BRANCH.....	52	12579	...	12579	241	3658	73
PENDLETON BRANCH	52	5557	43	5600	107	330	6
ALBERT PARK BRANCH.....	52	5366	823	6189	119	...	...
CHARLESTOWN READING ROOMS...	52	2590	79	2669	51	...	...
WEASTE BRANCH	52	4396	475	4871	93	65	1
IRLAMS O'TH' HEIGHT BRANCH ...	52	7824	2208	10032	192	15	...
LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS	52	3562	1837	5399	103	...	...
Totals.....	...	77635	6493	84128	1622	12240	239

†This does not include current Magazines and Periodicals, which lie on the tables.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art and Volumes of Bound Patents.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography.	History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, &c.	Fiction.	Totals.
Reference, Peel Park.....	1374	Blue Bks. { 8298 } { 1615 }	1168	11529	...	3315	2778	1988	3104	3869	292	39630
Lending, Peel Park	271	191	197	859	327	662	896	853	707	375	5984	11322
Greengate Branch	254	210	206	1090	...	875	960	716	761	534	4751	10357
Regent Road Branch ...	285	163	256	843	202	514	770	640	691	169	3760	8293
Pendleton Branch	226	147	299	1026	157	613	674	650	624	296	4232	8944
Albert Park Branch	257	135	139	645	136	337	411	388	477	299	4873	8097
Weaste Branch	116	98	126	405	...	208	293	243	264	557	2602	4912
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	168	155	153	495	..	246	408	366	263	278	3747	6279
Totals.....	2951	11012	2544	16892	822	6770	7190	5844	7191	6377	30241	97834

GENERAL TABLE—ANNUAL ISSUES OF BOOKS FROM THE LIBRARIES.

YEARS. November to October.	PEEL PARK		GREENGATE BRANCH. (Opened Nov., 1870.)	REGENT ROAD BRANCH. (Opened Oct., 1873.)	PENDLETON BRANCH. (Opened Apr., 1878.)	ALBERT PARK BRANCH. (Opened Dec., 1880.)	CHARLESTOWN ROOMS. (Opened July, 1894.)	WEAST BRANCH. (Opened Sept., 1894.)	IRLAMS O' TH HEIGHT (Opened March, 1901.)	LEICESTER ROAD READING ROOMS. (Opened Apr., 1905.)	TOTALS.	POPULATION OF SALFORD.
	REFERENCE. (Opened Jan., 1850.)	LENDING. (Opened Apr., 1854.)										
1850 to 1889...	2166341	1913983	1639480	1711911	948693	...	...	...	...	...	8380408	1851
1889-90	56673	22738	61025	92849	84300	...	...	...	...	...	317585	87523
1890-1	57019	20419	54658	86534	85039	25929	...	...	...	...	329598	...
1891-2	61194	28508	51020	86601	81730	98714	...	...	...	...	407767	1861
1892-3	65924	26161	50104	91469	79179	93289	...	...	...	...	406126	102449
1893-4	61844	30440	53991	94303	79987	111501	662	...	...	...	432738	...
1894-5	63327	30538	52592	92019	79111	114481	3799	...	...	...	435867	1871
1895-6	63262	30393	50257	88018	75913	106787	5321	...	...	...	419951	124801
1896-7	66803	30858	48691	87771	75406	101718	3544	...	...	...	414791	...
1897-8	57259	31445	49316	79963	67212	98958	6113	...	...	...	390266	1881
1898-9	62055	33486	49492	76213	64714	86596	6451	...	...	...	379007	176235
1899-00	61475	33117	46597	69958	61748	93359	8621	...	...	...	374875	...
1900-1	61671	34668	51982	75045	64641	94171	32381	28957	...	...	443516	1891
1901-2	64296	33439	56951	73884	60552	88964	49529	55803	...	...	483418	198139
1902-3	64537	33279	55908	78607	57650	86652	57773	57237	...	...	491643	...
1903-4	64706	34288	63160	80248	62125	87274	62605	57206	...	...	511612	1901
1904-5	65568	35753	64676	77668	63531	87308	67916	64799	...	...	527219	220957
1905-6	67165	38441	69745	77387	78568	105540	83725	74108	...	...	594679	...
1906-7	68464	38435	68373	72220	68496	91149	90017	78938	...	...	576092	...
1907-8	64952	39152	68885	78750	68673	89729	90825	82915	...	...	583881	Present Estimated.
1 totals	3,364,535	2,519,541	2,706,903	3,271,418	2,307,268	1,662,119	569,282	459,963	...	...	16,901,029	230294
Number of Readers in the Reading- Rooms, 1907-8 ..	5,884,076	178,612	229,023	160,192	92,918	100,850	208,434	138,285	45,615	...	1,189,355	...
Attendance in Rec- reation Rooms, 1907-8 .....	.....	.....	186,796	188,731	...	...	32,386	...	50,270	...	511,880	...
Totals	178,612	.....	415,819	348,923	92,918	100,850	240,820	138,285	95,885	...	1,701,235	...

BORROWERS OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

AGES, OCCUPATIONS, AND DISTRICTS.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Twenty and under.	Thirty and under.	Forty and under.	Fifty and under.	Above Fifty	Not known.	Office Boys and Scholars.	Working Men.	Clerks, etc.	Others.	Salford.	Pendleton.	Broughton.	MANCHESTER AND OUTLYING DISTRICTS.	New Borrowers.	Total Active Borrowers.
Peel Park	404	253	90	34	25	23	356	119	101	253	427	244	122	36	829	1608
Greengate Branch...	352	173	95	37	28	5	234	147	59	250	443	5	224	18	690	1272
Regent Road Branch	548	316	160	62	38	15	457	261	100	321	907	216	4	12	1139	2097
Pendleton Branch...	527	301	130	44	36	25	350	238	91	384	28	988	4	43	1063	1901
Albert Park Branch.	551	354	162	76	57	84	483	139	153	509	9	6	1210	59	1284	2497
Weaste Branch	422	215	171	52	32	42	165	124	173	472	...	934	...	...	934	2172
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	234	231	152	79	48	27	217	60	251	243	1	669	...	101	771	1563
Totals	3038	1843	960	384	264	221	2262	1088	928	2432	1815	3062	1564	269	6710	13110

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE IN THE READING-ROOMS.

LIBRARIES AND READING-ROOMS.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy	Poetry and the Drama.	Science and Art.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.	Total Readers.	Daily Average.	Days Open.	Attendance in Recreation Rooms.	Daily Average.
Peel Park	627	1705	2130	6529	1708	1729	29750	18964	1810	64932	220	294	178612	607	...	...	...
Greengate Branch	359	222	120	957	535	754	6546	14991	5485	29969	101	296	229023	743	269	186796	694
Regent Road Branch	229	272	308	335	338	328	317	23586	686	26399	88	298	160192	537	298	188731	633
Pendleton Branch	121	203	105	346	310	319	734	18702	1182	22022	71	307	92918	302	...	...	...
Albert Park Branch	5	12	15	32	20	8	7170	17919	80	25261	82	308	100830	327	...	...	...
Charlestown Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	308	35426	115	308	53697	174
Weaste Branch	53	98	37	175	153	80	15374	17465	567	34002	110	308	208434	676	290	32386	111
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	150	309	279	669	295	589	1168	26040	1050	30549	99	308	138285	448	...	...	...
Leicester Rd. Read'g-Rooms .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	308	45615	148	308	50270	163
Totals	1544	2821	2994	9043	3359	3807	61059	137667	10860	233154	771	...	1189355	3903	...	51188	1775

CLASSIFICATION OF ISSUES OF BOOKS FOR USE AT HOME.

LENDING LIBRARIES.	Theology.	Political and Social Economy.	Poetry and Drama.	Science and Art.	Music.	Travels and Voyages.	Biography and History.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines and Reviews.	Fiction.	Totals.	Daily Average Issues.	Days Open.
Peel Park	98	187	233	1065	1362	472	807	550	866	33512	39152	133	293
Greengate Branch	146	174	214	881	...	279	650	364	1482	34726	38916	136	286
Regent Road Branch	277	213	287	1241	637	993	1122	468	1428	45085	52351	176	297
Pendleton Branch	269	99	417	1363	998	576	906	467	1536	40020	46651	158	295
Albert Park Branch	293	191	360	1068	1027	566	1499	621	2006	56837	64468	217	296
Weaste Branch	308	219	256	1190	...	748	1230	347	4689	47836	58223	193	293
Irlams o'th' Height Branch	212	336	329	1049	...	409	1177	607	2110	46137	52366	175	299
Totals	1603	1419	2096	7857	4024	4043	7391	3424	14117	304753	350727	1188	...

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Accountants, Bookkeepers, and Clerks	464	82	Fancy Box Makers	—	10
Actors and Entertainers.....	2	—	Fishmonger and Poulterer.....	1	—
Agents and Collectors	50	1	Fitters and Mechanics.....	54	—
Apprentices, Office Boys, and Messengers	478	40	Florists	2	—
Architects and Surveyors	7	—	Folders and Sewers.....	—	9
Artists	1	2	Foremen and Forewomen	10	2
Bakers and Confectioners	18	15	French Polishers	6	1
Blacksmiths and Strikers	9	—	Furnacemen	5	—
Boiler Makers	3	—	Furriers.....	—	2
Bookbinders	4	7	Gardener	1	—
Booksellers and Stationers.....	3	5	Gas Inspectors.....	11	—
Bootmakers and Dealers	12	1	Glass Blowers and Cutters.....	2	—
Bricklayers and Masons	20	—	Governess	—	1
Brigade Ffemen.....	2	—	Greengrocers	3	1
Brushmakers	2	—	Grocers	31	5
Builders and Contractors	6	1	Hairdressers	24	2
Butchers	7	—	Housekeepers	—	113
Caretakers.....	2	2	Hoistman	1	—
Carpenters, Joiners, and Cabinet Makers	74	—	Instrument Makers.....	5	—
Carters, Vanmen, etc.....	24	—	Insurance Inspectors	4	—
Cashiers.....	13	1	Iron and Brass Founders, Moulders, etc.	114	—
Chemists and Druggists	19	—	Ironmongers	2	—
Cigar and Cigarette Makers ...	—	9	Journalists	4	2
Civil Service Officials	2	—	Labourers and Porters	195	—
Clergymen and Ministers	10	—	Lady's Companions	—	2
Cloggers.....	2	—	Lamplighters	2	—
Cloth Stampers	3	—	Laundresses	—	12
Coach Painters.....	4	—	Library Assistant.....	1	—
Coachmen and Grooms	4	—	Licensed Victuallers	4	1
Coal Miners	14	—	Linguist	1	—
Commercial Travellers	28	—	Lithographers	3	—
Cooks	2	1	Machinists.....	7	100
Core Makers	2	—	Makers-up and Packers	40	14
Corset Maker	—	1	Managers and Manageresses ...	22	7
Costumiers	—	3	Manufacturers and Merchants	10	1
Crane Drivers	3	—	Married	—	711
Dairymen	4	—	Matrons	—	3
Designers	4	—	Miller.....	1	—
Domestic Servants	—	68	Milliners	—	17
Drapers and Haberdashers.....	6	13	Mission Workers	1	1
Draughtsmen	23	—	Motormen	12	—
Dress and Mantle Makers	1	96	Musicians	16	4
Dyers, Bleachers, and Calico Printers	30	—	None or Not Stated	73	354
Electricians	48	4	Nurses	—	30
Embroiderers	1	8	Oil Blender	1	—
Engineers, Civil	4	—	Organ Builder	1	—
Engineers, Mechanical	64	—	Optical Instrument Maker.....	1	—
Engravers	20	—	Painters and Decorators.....	20	—
Envelope Maker	—	1	Paper Bag Makers	—	3
Factory Operatives	66	113	Paper Makers, Rulers, etc.....	4	—
			Pattern Card Makers	11	—
			Pattern Makers	20	—
			Paviors	2	—

OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS.—*Continued.*

	M.	F.		M.	F.
Pawnbrokers.....	14	—	Stevedore	1	—
Photographers	5	3	Steward.....	1	—
Physicians and Surgeons	6	—	Stokers	7	—
Picture Frame Maker	1	—	Storekeepers.....	13	—
Plumbers and Glaziers	20	—	Students	19	13
Police Officers	16	—	Switchmakers	3	—
Post Office Employés	38	8	Tailoresses.....	—	38
Printers, Compositors, and			Tailors and Outfitters	29	—
Feeder.....	41	11	Tanner	1	—
Railway Employés	21	—	Tea Packers	—	2
Rubber Workers	9	1	Telephone Operators	2	11
Saddlers and Harness Makers	8	—	Timekeepers	5	—
Salesmen and Buyers	47	—	Tin Plate Workers	2	—
Saleswomen	—	6	Tobacconists.....	2	7
Sanitary Inspector	1	—	Townsmen.....	5	—
Sawyer	1	—	Tram Conductors.....	16	—
School Attendance Officers ...	5	—	Tripe Dresser	1	—
School Children	946	502	Typists	—	58
Schoolmasters and Mistresses	19	9	Umbrella Makers	2	—
School Teachers	45	214	Upholsterers	2	—
Secretary	1	—	Verger	1	—
Sempstresses	—	2	Vocalist	1	—
Shearers	2	—	Waiters and Waitresses	6	16
Ship's Rigger	1	—	Warehousemen and Women ...	115	18
Shirt Makers.....	—	5	Watch and Clock Maker.....	1	—
Shop Assistants	16	60	Waterproof Garment Maker ...	1	—
Shopkeepers	16	16	Wheelwrights	5	—
Slipper Maker	—	1	Wire Drawers	3	—
Solicitors	2	—	Wood Turners and Carvers ...	4	—

Males	3827
Females.....	2883

Total.....	<u>6710</u>
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PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

PEEL, BUILE HILL, ALBERT, ORDSALL, MANDLEY, AND CLAREMONT PARKS.

During the past year the parks have been maintained in an attractive condition, and several improvements have been carried out which add largely to the pleasure and comfort of visitors.

It is very noticeable that the trees in Peel, Albert, and Ordsall Parks are dying very rapidly, and much replanting is necessary.

The display of spring and summer bedding was exceptionally good, and were greatly appreciated by frequenters of the parks.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The following recreation grounds have received the necessary attention, namely :—Kersal Moor, The David Lewis, Charlestown, Liverpool Street, Albert Park, Grosvenor Square, Greengate, Great Cheetham Street, Walness Road, Teneriffe Street, Barrow Street, West Union Street, Edge Place, Oldfield Road, Everard Street, Arlington Street, Cross Lane, Broughton Road, King Street (The Height), Chapter Square, Regent Square, The Crescent Land, and the Duchy Land, Broad Street.

The attempt to improve the Duchy Land, Broad Street, has been very successful, and trees, shrubs and flowers have succeeded much better at Regent Square than was expected.

BOWLING GREENS.

The bowling greens have been kept in very good condition, and have provided pleasurable recreation for a larger number of players than in any previous season, and instructions have been given for the construction of another bowling green in Peel Park.

The total receipts from the bowling greens are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	No. of Players
Peel Park	66	12	6	.... 7,995
Buile Hill Park (two greens)	118	6	6	.... 14,199
Albert Park (two greens)	100	11	8	.... 12,070
Ordsall Park (two greens)	109	14	4	.... 13,166
Mandley Park (two greens)	108	16	10	.... 13,061
Charlestown Recreation Ground	44	0	10	.... 5,285
King Street (The Height)	38	18	4	.... 4,670
	£587	1	0	70,446

The receipts from the bowling greens last year were £438 14s. 8d., and the total number of players 52,648.

LAWN TENNIS.

This pastime still continues to increase in popularity, it is found that the asphalte courts are much appreciated by our regular players, and they are a great help in the maintenance of the grass courts. WW

The total receipts from the tennis courts are as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	No. of Players
Peel Park (six courts)	27	4	4	.... 3,266
Buile Hill Park (six courts)	28	19	8	.... 3,478
Albert Park (five courts)	39	19	6	.... 4,797
Mandley Park (two courts)	13	3	2	.... 1,579
Claremont Park (three courts)	18	19	8	.... 2,278
	£128	6	4	15,398

The receipts from the tennis courts last year were £86 11s. 8d., and the total number of players 10,390.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The band performances were well attended during the past summer, the number of performances were slightly reduced so that a few special engagements could be given to better class bands ; this proved only fairly successful. An experiment was also tried by engaging Mr. Grimshaw to give four gramophone recitals in the parks, but this form of entertainment was found to be unsuitable for the parks.

The following bands were engaged :—

Salford Police Band.
 Salford Tramways Military Band.
 South Salford Silver Band.
 Irwell Street Prize Band.
 Boys' and Girls' Refuges and Homes Band.
 St. Joseph's Boys' Military Band.
 Barnes Home Industrial School Band.
 Certified Industrial School Band.
 Whit Lane Primitive Methodist Prize Band.
 Eccles Borough Band.
 Swinton Prize Band.
 Central Hall Prize Band.
 Pendleton Public Prize Band.
 Pendleton Old Prize Band.
 Northern Military Band.
 Lancashire Military Band.

The number of performances given was 72, as against 77 last year.

	£	s.	d.
The total cost of the bands was	357	15	0
Police attendance	6	17	6
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	£364	12	6
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as against £359 18s. 4d. last year.

PEEL PARK COTTAGE GARDENING EXHIBITION.

The twenty-seventh annual exhibition was held in Peel Park on July 31st, and August 1st and 3rd. The show was a success in every way, and although several important attractions were provided in the district, it maintained its popularity and was visited by 26,150 persons, as against 28,075 last year.

The exhibition was opened by the Mayoress of Salford (Mrs. Frankenburg), supported by His Worship the Mayor, the Chairman of the Museums, Libraries and Parks Committee, the members of the Committee, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work.

The judging was placed in the hands of experienced and competent men, and their awards in the various classes gave general satisfaction.

The number of plants sold was 8,541, as against 8,535 last year.

The total amount awarded in prizes in connection with this work was £117 18s. 4d., as against £106 9s. last year.

Special Prizes were again given by the Mayor of the value of £2, by Mrs. C. J. Heywood of £2 2s., by the Bishop of Salford (Dr. Casartelli) £2, by J. D. Affleck, Esq., £2 2s., for plants grown in the Adelphi district, and £2 2s. for the cleanest back yard in the same district.

The Mayoress of Salford also gave a cup valued at £5 for competition in the class for plants grown in the Borough.

GENERALLY.

The principal alterations, improvements, and repairs carried out during the past year are included in the following summary:—

PEEL PARK.

The land forming the Crescent bank, 2½ acres in extent, has been purchased for the sum of £500.

An asphalte tennis court has been laid.

The roofs taken off four greenhouses near the lake and refitted.

The whole of the asphalted roadways on the top portion of the park have been tarred and sparred over, a total of 4,500 superficial square yards.

BUILE HILL.

3,500 superficial square yards of roadway asphalted.

2,500 superficial square yards of roadway tarred and sparred over.

3,100 superficial square yards of roadway gravelled with gravel, from the Broad Street improvement.

ALBERT PARK.

One half of the lake has been cleaned out, the banks repaired, and the overflow reconstructed.

2,350 superficial square yards of asphalted roadway tarred and sparred

Six classical statues have been fixed on the sides of the centre walk.

ORDSALL PARK.

The boys' gymnasium has been thoroughly repaired.

The brickwork of the boundary walls, shelters, bowl house, band stand, &c., has been pointed.

DAVID LEWIS RECREATION GROUND.

The lake has been cleared of about 100 tons of mud, the drainage altered to prevent mud from coming into the lake, and 130 yards of new 3-inch water main laid to supply the lake.

CRESCENT LAND.

From November 1st to October 17th 17,441 loads of rubbish has been tipped, for which £218 0s. 3d. has been received, and about 3,000 loads tipped free by the various departments of the Corporation.

300 yards of 3 feet 9 inches fencing has been fixed round the reservoir on this land.

DUCHY LAND (BROAD STREET).

The fencing, grassing and planting of this land has been continued from Strawberry Road to Frederick Road.

1,200 superficial square yards of asphalte roadway made.

Twelve new 12 feet seats fixed.

KERSAL MOOR.

600 yards of wire fencing has been fixed.

CHAPTER SQUARE.

The work of enclosing and equipping as a gymnasia for boys and girls is nearing completion, and will be ready for opening early in the new year.

TOOTAL ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL.

Borders have been prepared and planted with shrubs.

ALFRED WORSLEY,

CHAIRMAN.

24th October, 1908.

MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND PARKS.

1908-1909.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

THE MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Jenkins, J.P.

THE DEPUTY-MAYOR, Mr. Alderman Frankenburg, J.P.

Chairman—Mr. Alderman Worsley, J.P.*

Deputy-Chairman—Mr. Alderman Desquesnes.

Mr. Alderman Phillips, J.P.†	Mr. Councillor Grundy.
„ „ Rudman, J.P.†	„ „ Kettle.
„ „ Snape, J.P.	„ „ Lees.
Mr. Councillor Barker.	„ „ McDougall.
„ „ Burnley, J.P.	„ „ Steele, J.P.
„ „ Cruickshank.	„ „ Whittle.

* Chairman, Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Lectures Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Museums and Art Galleries Sub-Committee.

† Chairman, Parks and Playgrounds Sub-Committee.

MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES.

BEN. H. MULLEN, M.A.,
CURATOR AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

H. R. Claye, *Curator's Museum Assistant.*
Annie F. Haynes, *Curator's Clerical Assistant.*

MUSEUM AND ART GALLERIES, PEEL PARK.

Thomas Blease, <i>Head Attendant.</i>	William Trevor, <i>Attendant.</i>
George Ertkamp, <i>Attendant.</i>	Frank Longshaw, „
Plumpton Mitcham, <i>Relief Attendant.</i>	
Chas. H. Littler, <i>Junior Attendant.</i>	

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, BUILE HILL.

James Whitelegg, <i>Senior Attendant.</i>	J. E. Mather, <i>Attendant.</i>
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PEEL PARK LIBRARIES.

REFERENCE.

Alfred Hobson, *Librarian.*
A. Wadsworth, *Senior Assistant.*
H. Horridge, *Assistant.*
H. Hargreaves, *Assistant.*

LENDING.

Bernard Wallace, *Librarian.*
John Bray, *Senior Assistant.*
W. E. Jones, *Assistant.*

GREENGATE BRANCH LIBRARY.

Edward Lord, <i>Librarian.</i>	Thomas Noble, <i>Assistant.</i>
Thomas Peel, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Wm. Hancock, „

REGENT ROAD BRANCH LIBRARY.

Asa Jackson, <i>Librarian.</i>	S. Cunningham, <i>Assistant.</i>
Enoch Stone, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	—

PENDLETON BRANCH LIBRARY.

Charles H. Crossley, <i>Librarian.</i>	F. M'Intosh, <i>Assistant.</i>
A. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Archd. Swindells, <i>Assistant.</i>

ALBERT PARK BRANCH LIBRARY.

Henry Santon, <i>Librarian.</i>	Alice B. Ingall, <i>Assistant.</i>
Francis Jackson, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	Elsie M. Santon „
Dorothy Haynes, <i>Assistant.</i>	

CHARLESTOWN READING-ROOMS.

Joseph Goulding, *Attendant.*

WEASTE BRANCH LIBRARY.

T. C. T. Smith, <i>Librarian.</i>	John Burgess, <i>Assistant.</i>
J. H. Smith, <i>Senior Assistant.</i>	George Preston, „
Joseph Taylor, <i>Evening Attendant.</i>	

IRLAM'S O' TH' HEIGHT BRANCH LIBRARY.

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